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States and Cup winners to clash?

By
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Victor Cristaldo is waiting in his St. Albans home for news of Leicester City's attempts to gain a British work permit for him.

While the Australian Press pounced on the possibility of Soccerroo star Alf Davidson being granted a permit to play for Arsenal earlier this year, Cristaldo 17, waited patiently for February 29 to arrive — the day of his departure for England and the start of a one-month trial with Leicester.

One month turned into two, then three, as Cristaldo scored 12 goals in 15 games with Leicester's youth team and so impressed coach Dave Richardson that the Argentine-born teenager was offered a contract pending the granting of a work permit.

So what's a kid caught Leicester's eye doing in the Metropolitan Second Division with middle-of-the-table Kellor Austria?

"I was going to join Heidelberg in the National League but Kellor Austria wanted between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for me and Heidelberg thought that was too much," said Cristaldo.

"I would love to have joined Heidelberg. I want to go to a better standard of soccer and Austria officials understand. I'll definitely give the National League a go next year, if my work permit isn't granted. I'm open to offers. I'll join whichever club wants me."

Cristaldo came on as substitute for the last 15 minutes of his first three appearances for Leicester. He scored each time, forcing coach Richardson to use him in the starting line-up.

Cristaldo also played for Leicester in a youth tournament in Holland. The Leicester lads reached the final only to lose 3-1 to West Ham.

"The big thing I noticed about England is the difference there in the attitude of the young players. Over there, every young player gives 100 percent all the time as soon as he runs onto the pitch. You give 100 percent for the shirt and for the club. In fact, we often came back in matches that we were losing by as couple of goals because none of us ever gave up. We all kept battling."

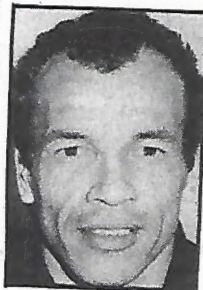
"I don't know what it's like in junior ranks there anymore but from what I can remember there often were kids in your team who'd drop their heads once things went against them out on the pitch. Not in England."

Cristaldo is studying

After Leicester,
Cristaldo
aims at NSL



• Victor Cristaldo (front row, second from right) with the Victorian team which finished 4th in last year's national under-16 championship. Back row: Chris Katsakidis, Ugor Jukic, Ross Carrozza, Stuart Lee, Theo Mitsou. Middle row: Stan Slazyk (team manager), Robert Markovac, Con Legas, Chris Simios, George Mihos, Steve Tasios, Paris Tzambazis, Tim White (coach). Front row: Michael McLennan, Con Kiakos, Ernie Topai, Cristaldo, Jim Pasakos.



Pedro Santos

be going to university next year. Soccer all but consumes his life and he's going to concentrate on further developing his playing skills.

The Cristaldo family came to Australia from Argentina in 1975. Victor joined Prahran Slavia's juniors until the end of 1979 when he joined Kellor Austria.

"Juan Rodriguez and Mr. Elder were two blokes at Slavia who really helped me. I'd played soccer back in Argentina but it's hard when you first come to a new country and they

Santos helped me. He changed me from a sweeper to a centre forward. He taught me how to play up front and I really owe a lot to him."

As a 12-year-old, Cristaldo played in the under-14 regional championships and was spotted by Tony Dunkerley, then coaching the Victorian under-13's. Like Santos, Dunkerley has played a major part in Cristaldo to trial with Leicester.

"Tony's a tremendous coach. He's the kind of man who always involves himself with his players. He takes a genuine interest in your soccer development. A lot of young players have Tony to thank for where they are now."

Cristaldo had one plaudit left. It went to his father, Alfirio.

"Dad deserves a mention. He's taken me to training, to games, he's followed me and supported me all along. I just want to thank him. He's been great."

"And thanks for doing a story on me. You don't get much of a mention in the Metro Leagues."

No problem, Victor. If things work out next

By LAURIE SCHWAB

A champion's competition, a Cup winners' tournament and an interstate carnival are part of a blueprint by VSF chairman Michael Weinstein to upgrade the status of State soccer.

Weinstein also seeks State involvement in future international games organised by private promoters.

Weinstein has spoken about his recommendations to leaders of the NSW and South Australian federations. The VSF board of management is expected to officially endorse Weinstein's recommendations which then would be submitted to the ASF.

Speaking about his suggestions this week, Weinstein said:

• Champions of the various State Leagues should play off against each other at the end of the season for a national champion title;

• The winners of the



Michael Weinstein various State Cups also should play off in a series similar to the European Cup Winners' Cup;

• State representative teams should meet in a seven or 10-day carnival either in January or November — preferably the latter. They would be split into two groups, with the top two in each qualifying for the semi-finals.

"The Australian Soccer Federation should devote as much money to these competitions as it raises in sponsorship for the National League," Weinstein said.

He suggested the NSL clubs could enter State-run Cup competitions to be eligible for the Cup Winners' competition, and that NSL players also could be chosen in State representative teams.

About international tours, he said: "If such tours are, in future, conducted by private promoters, the State federations must be involved in organisation of games, venues, admission price structure and decisions about interrupting club competitions."

"And, most importantly, the States themselves must be allowed to field State teams against the tourists."

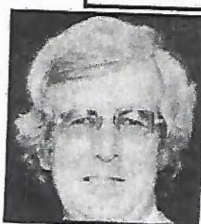
Weinstein will push for regular meetings of the ASF at least three times a year, on fixed dates.

"If we had meetings three times a year then

Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia may meet Soccerroos

Australia may play against the national teams of Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland on its world tour in November — December.

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Brian Emery

visit United and other matches of the Soccerroos' tour.

Australia was undefeated in China on its 1979 tour.

Emery said the ASF did not yet know whether England would field its A or B team against Australia on December 5, nor where the game would be played.

He added there was a strong

against Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Rangers.

Meanwhile, the ASF is expected to confirm by the end of this year that it will, in future, enter the national team in the Olympic Games — provided it can meet the additional cost.

Under a recent change of rules, Australian players, including members of the World Cup squad, are eligible to play in the Olympics if the majority of their wages come from sources outside soccer.

The rules are different for Europe and South America where players who have played World Cup games are banned from the Olympics.

Australia will play the Oceania round of its World Cup qualification games in September-October-November, 1985.

Dates suggested by FIFA are v New Zealand in NZ, Sep. 9

Rooney—I won't help McLachlan

Jimmy Rooney, who parted company with Green Gully last week, claims that Bobby McLachlan was appointed to succeed him before he (Rooney) had been sacked.

"I don't know how such things can be allowed to happen," Rooney said.

"Green Gully president, Guy Spiteri, was quoted last week as

saying that I would be talking to McLachlan to bring him up to date but there's no way in the world I would be getting together with Bobby to discuss players," Rooney said.

McLachlan said he knew nothing about the Green Gully situation until Guy Spiteri contacted him and offered him the job.

"I'm disappointed that I'm out with only half the job done," Rooney said. "We were building a new side after losing

lots of players, and that takes time.

"OK, we lost two games which we should have won — and that meant instead of being fourth, we were second last. There was still lots of time to make amends, and I'm sure Gully will come good. They've got too many good players.

"I'll stay in coaching, and I'm more eager than ever now. I'm just waiting for my next opportunity."

Rooney was appointed by Green Gully late last season, after finishing his playing career with Croydon City.

He played 100 games for Australia in a glorious career spanning Lions (Vic), Prague, APIA, Marconi, Heidelberg-Alexander and Croydon. He was voted Australian Player of the Year in 1977.

Vic. girls go for U/15 title

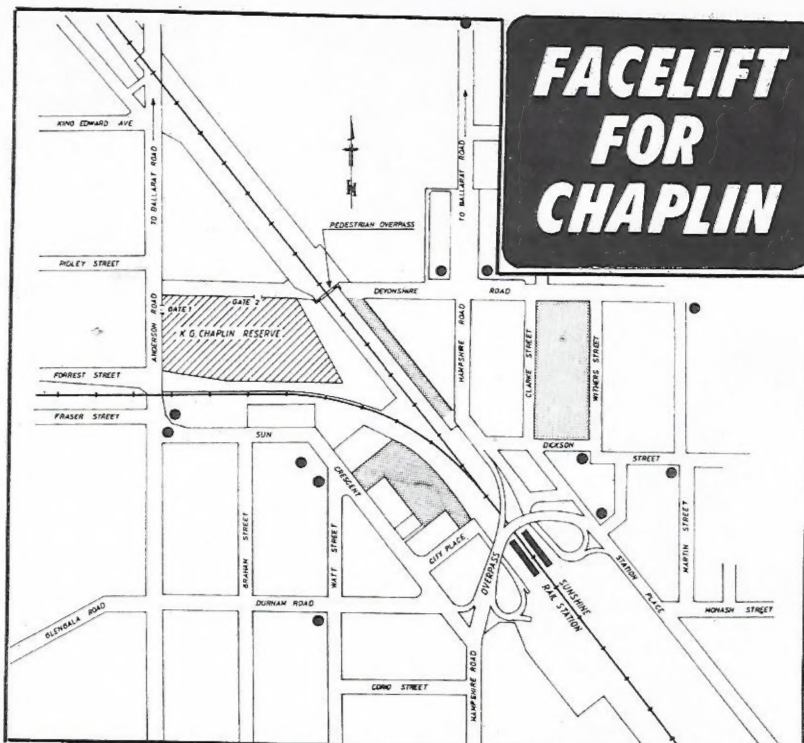
The Victorian women's state team contested the national under-15 title in Newcastle last weekend.

A squad of 15 girls, coached by Margaret Roy, flew out of Melbourne last week to contest the three-day event.

The squad was: Rebecca Tobin, Nicole Holding (Dandenong City); Melinda Marty, Adrienne Sarkozy, Jodie Davies (Greensborough); Denise Wright, Kelly West (Box Hill) Cherry Grudgefield (North Dandenong); Leanne Hamilton, Charly James (Watsonia Heights); Marlene Spiteri, Kim Borg, Danielle Parnis, Kerry Calleja (Sunshine Heights) and Lorraine Kearney (Mossfield Rangers).

Coach Roy has played competitive soccer since the formation of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association in 1974. She coached Waverley in 1983 and now coaches First Division side Box Hill. She was a senior state team representative from 1975 to 1982.

This was the third national under-15 championship.



Vojtek at Triestina

Billy Vojtek (pictured), continues his remarkable career — this time as player-coach of Essendon Triestina in the Victorian Third Division.

In his second game with the club, last Saturday week, Triestina was trailing 1-3 with four minutes to go, and Vojtek, 40, scored twice to make it 3-3.

As coach, however, Vojtek has had to contend with having three players sent off in his first two weeks in the job.

Vojtek parted company with State League club St Albans early this season after crossing swords with a leading club official.

Previously, he was player-coach of Western Suburbs and

Green Gully Ajax, and a star forward with Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia.

He scored 13 goals in 43 games for Australia and also was captain of Victoria.



• K.G. Chaplin Reserve and surrounds. The shaded areas denote free parking for Sunshine-George Cross home games. The black dots denote signposts, directing fans to the ground and to the free parking areas.

Sunshine-George Cross has doubled the area of its social premises at K.G. Chaplin Reserve this year. These premises will be fully renovated by the end of August.

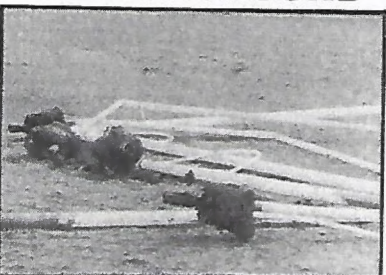
The Sunshine council has provided the materials for the extensions at a cost of \$19,000. Sunshine-George Cross is supplying the labor, a saving of over \$20,000 to the club.

The club is negotiating with the council for the erection of a toilet block on the outer side of the ground and plans already are being drawn up for the widening of the main en-

trance on Anderson Road. The council recently erected signposts in the streets surrounding Chaplin Reserve (as shown in the map above), and has allocated free parking areas for Sunshine-George Cross home games.

The map shows the pedestrian overpass which allows fans to gain entry to Chaplin Reserve via Gate 2.

VANDALS ATTACK JUNIOR GROUND



Meadow Park members arrived early on a recent Saturday morning to discover that two of their junior soccer pitches had once again been vandalised. The photograph above shows how goalposts were ripped from the under 8's ground and the standard junior pitch and then systematically dragged and piled, twisted and broken, in a heap.

It is believed that local youths were responsible and as there were no vehicle tracks visible it would appear to have required a large mob to wrench the posts, set in concrete, from the ground.

The goalposts are provided and maintained at the club's own expense with funds raised by the efforts of a few, hard-working members trying to further their sport while at the same time offering a community service for the benefit of local individuals.

"Is this just another act of vandalism or a sample of discrimination against a minority sport? Soccer still is called 'wogball' in the area and frequently, on training nights, players are subjected to abuse, sometimes with racial overtones, from youths in passing cars and from gangs of BMX riders," said Meadow Park president Les Foulkes.

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Youths beat Duesseldorf, Dortmund

While the senior Socceroos were wowing the Australian public during the world series, the flashy teenagers of the Institute of Sport were further boosting our considerable reputation in youth soccer.

Under coach Jim Shoulder, the AIS team reached the final of the International Culture Cup for under 19s in Dortmund, and missed out on the final of the PSV Eindhoven under 20 tournament by only one goal.

Shoulder will coach the Australian youth team which has an excellent chance of reaching the finals of the World Youth Championships next year. The best of the AIS players will go into the national youth squad.

The round-robin will be played in Australia, making

the young Socceroos the hot favorites.

Never before have they played qualifying matches at home. In 1979 they had to go to New Zealand and, after winning that tournament, to Paraguay where they were eliminated. In 1981 they qualified automatically as hosts of the finals, and in 1982-83 they qualified in Papua-New Guinea and Costa Rica.

The draw for next February's qualifying tournament will be made at an Oceania Confederation meeting in Brisbane on August 13.

According to Shoulder, the AIS players with the best chance of being selected to the national youth squad are goalkeepers Mirko Runje (Vic) and Paul Jones (ACT), sweeper Andrew Bernal (ACT), forwards Warren Spink

By LAURIE SCHWAB

THE SQUAD

The AIS touring squad was:

Paul Jones, Peter Andrews, Tommy Burke, Alex Cummings (WA), Mirko Runje, Warren Spink, (NSW), Michael McLennan (Vic), Robert Hooker (NSW), Andrew Bernal, George Kutscher (ACT), Shaun Greaves, Graham McMillan, Lou Hristodoulou (SA), David Sharpe, Adrian Northern, Shaun Ingram (NSW), Carlo Ambrosino (Tas), Richard Bessingthwaite (Q'land).

(Vic), Stan Ingham (Nth NSW) and Tommy Burke (WA), midfielder David Sharpe (Nth NSW) and defender Peter Andrews (WA).

Other squad members will come from among players with NSL experience — John Kane-soulis (SM-Hellas), Alex Bundalo (Wollongong), John Gabrielson (Heidelberg-Alexander), Peter

Petkovski (St George Budapest) for example.

Lou Hristodoulou (SA) was one of the successes of the AIS tour and so he too may be included, even though at 16, he is eligible for the 1987 WYC.

Two AIS players won coveted awards during the tour. Spink was voted best forward of the Eindhoven tournament,

and Runje best goalkeeper of the Dortmund series.

Highlight of the tour was AIS's clash with Real Madrid in the final in front of 7000 fans in Dortmund. A goal by David Sharpe put the Australians into the lead before half time, but Real Madrid cut loose in the second half to win 3-1.

Andrew Bernal was the star of the AIS team, so much so that Real Madrid offered him a contract.

He was with the Canberra Arrows Juniors and now is in his second year with the AIS. He is Spanish.

Bernal played as sweeper, with the handicap of a knee injury that required an operation upon his return to Australia.

Midfielder David Sharpe, from Lismore, also was a big success, playing with much grit and energy in the midfield.

by beating Dutch team NSC Breuk 1-0, with a goal by Spink.

Goals by Bernal and Spink gave the AIS a 2-1 lead against PSV Eindhoven in the second match, but "ndhoven equalised with a last-n. Jie penalty.

The AIS lost to Bruges 1-0 through an own goal, and 1-2 to Ipswich.

Hristodoulou and Burke scored as the AIS started the International Culture Cup by beating Fortuna Duesseldorf 2-0. A 1-1 draw with Real San Sebastian followed, with Hristodoulou scoring again, and then the AIS had to beat Dortmund to qualify for the final. Dortmund had been one of the favorites, but the AIS won 2-1, with Graham McMillan scoring first and Burke notching the winner after Dortmund had equalised.

That left Real Madrid against the AIS and, really, Real Madrid had to win, as it had beaten Slovan Bratislava, Bayern Munich and VfL Bochum on the way.

Hristodoulou and Spink were the AIS's top scorers on tour, with four goals each. Hristo-



Jim Shoulder

doulou can to the AIS from West Adelaide Hellas as a midfielder, but Shoulder used him in attack for his speed, toughness and ability to cope with tight marking.

The AIS resumed its campaign in the National Youth League by

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WORLD SERIES LOST MONEY

By PAUL JAMES

The international soccer series has ended, but its repercussions hopefully will be felt for years to come in Australian sporting circles.

That at least, is the desire of Australian Soccer Federation marketing director Peter Sheehan, the man who set up the tournament and who copped quite a bit of flak before, during and after the series.

Sheehan was surprisingly frank last week about the series, and his views on its successes and failures, about things that he'd do again — or wouldn't.

"We probably ended up making a small loss on the whole venture," he said. "We budgeted for about 250,000 people at all games, and we got about 230,000."

But, he said he was not overly worried about the loss. "Anyone who thinks we can come into Australian soccer, which is so disorganised, and try to organise a series like we did and then actually make money is just living in a fantasy."

"A lot of people just didn't know what they were talking about if they thought we'd make a huge profit," he said. Sheehan said in fact, profit was not the major motivating force behind the series.

"Our main aim was to re-establish in the minds of the soccer public that a national team — the Socceroos — did exist."

"In the past three or so years, we've rarely seen the Australian team in Australia. The Socceroos — both the senior and youth teams — have played plenty of matches overseas and gained plenty of praise from the critics, but of the Australian public has hardly seen the team."

He said the Australian sporting public was one that needed to identify with a competitive, if not a successful, national side, whatever the sport.

"Take cricket. How many people go to watch club cricket, or even Sheffield Shield? But look at the crowds when Australia plays."

"It's the same with rugby union, or hockey, or tennis."



Australian Soccer Federation marketing director Peter Sheehan — copped a lot of flak over the recent international series but he's determined to run a bigger, better international series next year. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

"Those are the facts of life."

"To market soccer we have to market a competitive Socceroo team. In that area I think the international series was highly successful."

Sheehan said ASFM was also obliged to give national coach Frank Ark the chance to see players he has been considering for the national team, in international action, not just club soccer.

"If I'd just wanted to make money, I wouldn't have suggested a 'B' squad or suggested that we go to cities such as Perth, Darwin, Brisbane and Adelaide."

"We'd just have brought out Juventus for four or five games in Sydney and Melbourne and have cleaned up."

"But we wanted to do more than that. We're building for the long term."

"Sure, I'm a business man. But I see it as a challenge to market soccer across the country."

"We'll never replace Aussie Rules in Victoria or League in NSW, because they are the socially accepted codes, the codes that people have been brought up on."

"But if we can make soccer a viable alternative, the we'll have achieved something."

Sheehan said that when he started planning the series he talked to quite a few people within the code for ideas and advice.

"I suppose you'd call them the experts," he said. "Well, we learned that the

'experts' were wrong most of the time."

"We had to learn from experience and from market research carried out in the various cities which teams would be favourably received under what circumstances."

He said that despite the poor response from Brisbane and Adelaide, there would always be ASF-sponsored matches in those cities.

"We're trying to promote soccer as a national sport, and we need to market the game nationally. In the right circumstances, I'm sure there would be better support."

Those "right circumstances" probably will be a competitive tournament. But Sheehan says it was just not possible to stage a tournament of the calibre ASFM wanted this year.

"Sure we could have got three other sides out here for a round robin tournament," he said.

"But we wouldn't have been able to get Juventus, we may have had to go for some lesser known side, and we probably wouldn't have got Rangers or Iraklis."

"We couldn't get them all here at the same time, so we got them when we could."

"But with a bit of advanced planning for next year we'll be able to get what we want."

He said he was disappointed with Manchester United, which was the only club which failed to live up to its obligations about bringing playing staff.

"We knew Platini wouldn't be here with Juventus, and apart from him everyone else came. The same with Rangers, Forest, and Iraklis... they brought their best."

Sheehan said one of his aims was to re-establish Australia as an attractive destination for European sides.

He said the favourable comments from Juventus, Iraklis and the British clubs would ensure that approaches to other European clubs would make dealings easier.

"We also wanted to let them know that Australia was a viable opponent. Clubs like to go somewhere where they'll get a good match, and not just run up cricket scores," he said.

"And if you can combine that with first class accommodation, travel and treatment, they'll remember you."

He said he would be heading off to the United States and Europe in the next week or so, to "put together next year's tournament."

"This time we'll be able to do the thing properly," he said.

"We've seen that our soccer fans want to see the best. They're like the rest of the sports public."

"They want to see the McEnroes, the West Indies, the All Blacks, the Liverpool."

Sheehan made no apologies for using both the Sydney and Melbourne Cricket Grounds, and Football Park in Adelaide, grounds that are far from satisfactory for building atmosphere at soccer matches.

"That may be so, but they are by far and away the best grounds for spectators," Sheehan said, "and we were, after all, trying to win people back to the game."

"At the MCG you can guarantee virtually everyone a seat, proper toilet facilities, proper canteen services and good views. And you can say that two thirds of the people are under cover."

Wollongong secretary John Vlietstra said the club now was in a position to look at strengthening the first grade side.

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"We are in desperate need of a quality striker and Alston has strongly recommended him to us."

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Wollongong is prepared to offer Sayer a return air fare to Australia plus the normal wages.

Vlietstra said the club's aim in 1984 was to consolidate but it was already planning for next year.

The club has offered Alston terms for a new contract for next year and promising young midfielder Alex Bundalo already has signed for 1985.

"At Olympic Park — the normal soccer venue — you have maybe 6,000 seats, poor facilities and the rest have to stand."

"Let's not blame ASFM for the fact that neither Sydney or Melbourne has a decent football ground."

"I'd prefer not to use the SCG, but at the SCG I can guarantee the patrons good facilities. He said the cry that playing at the SCG, with its vast empty spaces, reduced atmosphere, was "nit-picking."

"Most of the big stadiums in Europe are vast arenas, like the Munich, Berlin, Rome Olympic stadiums."

"And Wembley also has a big track around the pitch."

Although he didn't say it, he implied that it was time for the critics to say the matches should have been played on soccer grounds but they were not the ones who had to suffer the archaic facilities at those grounds.

"The general public has been given a pretty raw deal in the past. We were determined to give them some comforts."

National coach Frank Ark is known, however, to favour playing World Cup matches at grounds where the crowds can cheer on opponents and cheer on the Socceroos. "We will have to wait and see what sort of compromise will be worked out for World Cup matches."

Sheehan said the MCG experiment was an outstanding success and would encourage more use of Melbourne.

"Crowds there was a pleasant surprise," he said.

"Our biggest hurdle at the SCG is that there are so many seats we can't sell — the members seats."

"If the Parramatta stadium gets off the drawing board it will provide a viable alternative."

One of the biggest pluses in Sheehan's views was the extensive, stylish television coverage given by Channel 9/28.

"We had 12 high quality matches, each covered by a seven-camera team, with seven to eight of those matches live, depending on where you live."

"These games reached a

cumulative audience of more than a million, and in the current society where a lot of people would never consider going to a game, but who watch a lot of TV sport, that is starting to be important."

However, he said one of the biggest minuses was the attempted withholding of players by National League clubs.

"It was a big disappointment," Sheehan said. "I don't think it's ever happened before in Australia that a club of any sport has tried to prevent a player from representing his or her country."

"I was delighted at the players' response and that the NSL changed its mind in the end."

"But I think it did the code's image a lot of damage and I'm sure it cost the series a lot of money."

Sheehan said the whole series had taught the ASFM many valuable lessons.

"We've found out what the market wants now, and I'm sure we'll be able to combine a first class World Cup preparation with entertainment for the public," he said.



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Wollongong wants \$340,000 man

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Wollongong City underlined its recent economic recovery by stepping into the foreign transfer market.

Wollongong is negotiating with English side Preston North End for the services of midfielder-cum-striker Peter Sayer.

Sayer, 27, played with present Wollongong coach Adrian Alston at Cardiff City in the late 1970s before transferring to Brighton for \$340,000.

The Welshman is one of an estimated 800 players who cannot find regular employment with financially-hit British clubs — particularly from the English Third and Fourth Divisions — and is seeking alternative employment abroad.

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And now Colusso, Stevenson, Colucci

By LAURIE SCHWAB

If all goes to plan, at least three new players will stride onto NSL centre stage on Sunday — Rene Colusso and Mateo Colucci with Marconi, and Stuart Stevenson with Heidelberg-Alexander.

Zeljko Jurin will play his second match for Sydney Croatia, and Footscray J.U.S.T. will be back in action against SM-Hellas at home, with star recruit Dragan Ljubic leading the attack.



Steve Richardson (George Cross)

J.U.S.T. beat Green Gully 4-0 and Makedonia 4-0 in successive matches, and early this year, it led 2-0 against Hellas at Middle Park, before Hellas fought back to draw 2-2.

not to score against Penrith, and intends to make amends against Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday.

Rivalry between Hellas and J.U.S.T. goes back to 1962, when Hellas won its first State League championships with great players like Margaritis, Mantarakis, Kambouropoulos, Kalogeros and Bedford, while J.U.S.T. finished fourth.

But the Noon-Jurin combination may not be enough to prevent a victory by Olympic which will have Peter Raskopoulos back after suspension, and Marshall Soper back after injury.

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Other players who hail from Pollock are Steve Marley (Heidelberg), Peter Lewis (Melbourne Croatia), Gus Macleod (Fawkner coach), and Joe Sweeney (Juventus).

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But it won't be easy fitting Stevenson into a forward line which already includes Scott Patterson, Paul Tzintzis and Steve Winn.

Jurin, who joined Sydney Croatia from Yugoslav club Sibir last week, was unlucky

Makedonia after successive losses to Melbourne Croatia, J.U.S.T. and Brisbane City, is desperate for a victory — especially against Heidelberg-Alexander, its fiercest rival.

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Sunday's NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:
FOOTSCRAY JUST v South Melbourne Hellas at Schintler Reserve, 3pm.
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v Preston Makedonia at Olympic Village, 3pm.
GREEN GULLY v West Adelaide Hellas at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.
B.U. JUVENTUS v Newcastle-Rosebud at Olympic Park No. 2, 3pm.
Brisbane City v MELBOURNE CROATIA at Spencer Park, 3pm.
Adelaide City Juventus v SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30pm.
APIA LEICHHARDT v Canberra Arrows at Lambert Park, 3pm.
MELITA EAGLES v Blacktown at Melita Stadium, 3pm.
Penrith v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Cook Park, 3pm.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Sydney Croatia at Pratten Park, 3pm.
Woolongong v BRISBANE LIONS at Towradgi Park, 3pm.

pecially against Heidelberg-Alexander, its fiercest rival. George McMillan is expected to return after suspension — and his presence should greatly improve the defence, but up front, Gary Cole appears to have lost all confidence and may benefit from a rest on the bench.

Peter Lewis is expected to return to the Melbourne Croatia defence against Brisbane City in Brisbane on Sunday, while Jim Campbell again may be left on the bench. A victory to Croatia — which seems likely — could put it on top of the ladder, providing Hellas and Makedonia lose.

Canberra, with Paul Ontong and hopelessly Steve Bryant back in the team, should give APIA a tough game at Lambert Park, but APIA should win nevertheless. Vic Bozanic has proved to be the buy of the year for APIA, and John Bradley must be the most consistent player in the NSL over the past two years.

He now has a commanding 16-vote lead over Tony Franken (Canberra) and Paul Wade (Ajax) who moved into equal second place. John Kosmina remains the leader in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, with a total of 14 — four more than second-placed Doug Brown

At home against Newcastle-Rosebud on Sunday, Juventus should regain some lost glory, as Newcastle has been far from impressive.

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Green Gully and George Cross meanwhile, will continue their drive to get clear of the relegation zone.

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With both back, George Cross will have too many players rather than too few. Coach Billy Wilkinson won't change his three-man forward line of Mick McGorran, Ossie Latif and Bobby Toa who all are playing exceptionally well.

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Youth leagues

Victorian youth league Melbourne Croatia 6 Knox City 0
 Makedonia 0 Frankston Pines 1
 Sun: George Cross 0 Heidelberg 1
 Utd 3, 5th Melb Hellas 3 Green Gully 0, Nuna City 1 Footscray 2, Morwell Falcons 2 B.U. Juventus 3.

This week's games:
SUNDAY
 Juventus v Knox City: Footscray J.U.S.T. v 5th Melb Hellas; Frankston Pines v Sunshin-George Cross; Morwell Falcons v Melbourne Croatia; Green Gully v Nunawading City; Heidelberg Alexander v Preston Makedonia.

5th Melb Hellas	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg	11	1	3	19	11	23
Footscray	9	1	3	13	19	19
B.U. Juventus	8	1	2	13	19	18
Melb Croatia	8	1	2	13	19	18
Green Gully	5	2	6	21	12	12
Nuna City	5	1	6	19	28	11
Makedonia	4	4	4	16	10	10
George Cross	3	4	5	15	19	10
Morwell Falcs	3	4	5	15	19	10
Frank Pines	2	1	6	13	35	3
Knox City	0	2	11	7	56	2

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE:
 Newcastle 3 St George 3, Sydney City 6 Woolongong 0, Parramatta 2 APIA Leichhardt 0, Canberra 3 Sydney Olympic 2, Penrith 2 Sydney Croatia 1, Marconi 1 Blacktown 0.
PTS: St George 18 Parramatta 18 APIA Leichhardt 18 Newcastle 16 Canberra 15 AIS Blacktown 14 Sydney Olympic 12 Sydney City 11 Penrith 10 Marconi 10 SYDNEY Croatia 7 Woolongong 5.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SM-HELLAS	8	2	5	22	24	18
H-BERG-ALEX.	7	4	4	25	17	18
MELB CROATIA	7	4	4	23	20	18
B.U. JUVENTUS	7	2	6	20	27	16
BRISBANE CITY	6	3	6	13	17	15
Makedonia	5	4	6	21	22	14
Brisbane Lions	5	4	6	20	22	14
Footscray JUST	5	3	6	16	16	13
West Ad Hellas	5	3	7	24	25	13
Adel C Juventus	5	2	8	14	16	11
Green Gully	3	4	8	14	22	10
George Cross	3	3	9	12	33	9

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYD CITY HAKOAH	11	3	1	43	19	25
APIA L'HARDT	8	4	3	25	16	20
SYD OLYMPIC	6	7	2	28	16	18
MARCONI	7	3	5	33	21	17
MELITA EAGLES	6	5	4	15	16	17
Blacktown	6	4	5	21	25	16
Canberra Arrows	7	1	7	30	21	15
St Geo Budapest	5	5	5	21	29	15
Penrith	5	5	5	20	23	15
Syd Croatia	4	5	6	16	24	13
Newc-Rosebud	5	1	9	17	31	12
Woolongong	2	3	10	10	34	7

WADE INTO 2ND PLACE

John Bradley of APIA moved further ahead in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award, after last Sunday's round of matches.

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- TOP SCORERS:**
 14. Kosmina (SC),
 10. Brown (SM),
 9. Bradley (APIA),
 Lowe (Mar), Katholos (SO),
 8. Konstantopoulos (WA), Farina (Can),
 Patterson (H'berg),
 7. R. Brown (Mar),
 Brant (Newc), Marton (St.G), Arnold (Syd Cr),
 Fletcher (SC).
- 31. O'Reilly (GC),**
 Bromfield (BC), Farina (Can).
29. Liddell (BC),
 29. Bickell (Melb Cr),
 McMillan (Mak), Katholos (SO), Wishart (BC).
28. Henderson (Mar),
 Melita (AC).
27. Gray (APIA),
 Hoare (Black), Williams (GC).

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WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Konstantopoulos 16; Honeymann 78) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Swinscoe 8; Ward 56) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:
 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 7 — Harn 7, Honeymann 6, McGachey 6, McGreg 5 — Manou 7, Panagis 6 (Mousoulis 74), Papadopoulos 6, Stamatiopoulos 6 (Brown 55) — Malavazos 6, Konstantopoulos 6 Coach: Sam Salapalidis.
 JUVENTUS: Keogh 7 — Geramia 7, Rogers 7, Drinczyk 7 Campbell 7 — Swinscoe 7, Cullen 8, Dowie 7 — Zinni 7, Ward 8, Lloyds 7 Coach: John Margaritis.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Cullen, 5 Ward, 4 Swinscoe, 3 Dowie, 2 Drinczyk (all Juve), 1 Manou.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Latif 24th) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Tzintzis 9th) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2500 (Approx.) Ratings by Ken Kontra:
 GEORGE CROSS: Costello 6 — Taylor 7, R. MacLaren 9, Bennett 8, Bain 7 — D. MacLaren 8, Faulkner 7, Jovanovic 8 — Toal 8, McGorran 7, Latif 8 Coach: Billy Wilkinson.
 HEIDELBERG: Oler 8 — McKie 7, Macleod 8, Angelle 7, Gabrielson 6 — Selemidis 7 (Inj. Tasios 67th), Peterson 6 (Inj. Matarakis 62nd), Valentine 6 — Tzintzis 7, Winn 6, Patterson 8 Coach: Brian Garvey.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 R. MacLaren (G.C.), 5 Oler (H), 4 Bennett (G.C.), 3 Toal (G.C.), 2 Macleod (H), 1 Latif (G.C.)
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown 25th, Davidson 35th) GREEN GULLY 1 (McGuinness 43rd) at Middle Park. Crowd about 4000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
 HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 7, Blair 8, Kalifatis 6, Postecoglou 7 — Davidson 7, Halford 7, Crino 8, Murphy 6 — Brown 7, Egan 7, Coach: Len McKendry.
 GREEN GULLY: Denys 7 — McClelland 8, Cannell 6, Williams 6, Hoggan 8 — Smart 7, Wade 9, Vassallo 7, McGuinness 6 — Lewis 6, Carter 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.
 Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6 Wade (GG), 5 Hoggan (GG), 4 Williams (GG), 3 Blair (SM), 2 Crino (SM), 1 McClelland (GG).
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Gojovic 77th, Cumming 80th) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 1,500. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:
 MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 6 — Drankovic 7 (Lewis 65th), Parton 8, Curcio 8, Hannah 8 — Biskic 6, Antolovic 7, Cumming 8, Gojovic 5 — Markovac 6 (Campbell 80th), Brogan 6 Coach: Tony Vrižna.
 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 8 — Cecere 8, Nyskohus 8, Flounders 7, Shillabear 7 — Melita 6, Vilić 5, Scarpa 7, Maxwell 6 — Mullin 5, Talerico 4, Coach: Edmund Krell.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Curcio (MC), 5 Cumming (MC), 4 McNally (Adel City), 3 Cecere (Adel City), 2 Hannah (MC), 1 Nyskohus (Adel City).
PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Dunn 10th) BRISBANE CITY 2 (Swan 52nd, O'Maye 55th) at Connor Reserve. Attendance: 2000 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:
 PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 7, Iliiski 6, Dobson 7, Ollerton 6 (Balevski 63rd), Petrovski 6, Opanisin 6, Dunn 8, Odozakov 6, Lucchesi 6, Cole 6, Campbell 6 (Kotovski 63rd), Coach: Peter Ollerton.
 BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6, Mengotti 8, Milovanovic 7, Liddell 7, Bromfield 7, Pimblett 9, Swan 7, Hamilton 7, Hughes 7 (Calico 83rd), Glickner 7 (Walsh 76th), O'Maye 8 Coach: Les Gieby.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Pimblett, 5 Mengotti, 4 O'Maye, (all BC), 3 Dunn, 2 Potter, (both PM), 1 Bromfield (BC).
BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Daunt 21, Vasquez 25th, McDonagh 65th) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Slater 60th and 78th) at Richlands. Crowd: about 1000. Ratings by Ricky Ross:
 LIONS: Farrow 7 — Jackson 8, Hunter 7, Vasquez 8, Niven 9 — R. Stewart 6, J. Stewart 6, Junna 8 — McDonagh 6, Daunt 8, Cairney 7 (McKimmie 81st), Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.
 ST. GEORGE: Greedy (Petkovski 25th) 6 — Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 8, Koczka 7 — Barton 7, Ricoy 6, Stone 7, J. O'Shea 6 — Slater 9, Batten 6 Coach: Frank Arok.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Slater (SG), 5 Alan Niven (L), 4 Vasquez (L), 3 Daunt (L), 2 M. O'Shea (SG), 1 Junna (L).

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SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 5 (Barnes 1, Fletcher 7, Gomez 9, Green own goal 62, Watson 87) WOLLONGONG CITY 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 753. Ratings by Peter Scott:
 HAKOAH: Pezzano 9 — Rodrigues 8, Gomez 9, Robertson 9, De Marigny 8 — Cant 8 (K. Falconer 75th), Watson 8, Barnes 9, Lee 8, Kosmina 7, Fletcher 7 (P. Falconer 62nd), Coach: Eddie Thomson.
 WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 5 — Green 5, Dickson 7, Hristovski 5, Fleming 5, Isedale 5 (Corindini 77th) — Condon 5, Kotamandis 5, Kerr 5 (Nees 77th) — Willis 5, Beggs 5 Coach: Adrian Alston.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Barnes, 5 Robertson, 4 Gomez, 3 Pezzano, 2 Rodrigues, 1 Cant (all Hakoah).
BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Byrne 44th, Eaton 81st) MARCONI 2 (McClulloch pen 3rd, Brown 64th) at the Gabbie. Crowd 870. Ratings by George Streeter:
 BLACKTOWN CITY: Houe 7 — Wheatley 8, Dunleavy 8, Pointer 7, Skellern 7 — Selva 7, Quarmby 8, Byrne 7 — Sandy 7 (66th Mountford), Eaton 7, O'Connor 7 (Larkin 82nd).
 MARCONI: James 8 — Carter 7, Henderson 8, Calderan 7 (82 Maria), Spanos 7 — McCulloch 8, Mason 7, Jankovics 7 — Lowe 8, Brown 8, Sharpe 7.
 Best six players for the Boral Bricks player of the year award: 6 Lowe, 5 Quarmby, 4 Henderson, 3 Dunleavy, 2 James, 1 Brown.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Theodorakopoulos 15th) CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Sermani 55th) at Pratten Park. Crowd 2980. Ratings by Alex Vasic:
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Lambropoulos 6, Coady 6

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Team of the week

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PARKS (1) (APIA)		ROBERTSON (1) (NIVEN (2) (Brisb Lions)	
GOMEZ (2) (SC Hakoah)	R. MACLAREN (1) (Geo. Cross)	SC HAKOAH (1)	(Brisb Lions)
PIMBLETT (2) (Brisb City)	GRAY (2) (APIA)	WADE (4) (G. Gully)	BARNES (1) (SC Hakoah)
	SLATER (1) (St George)	LOWE (3) (Marconi)	

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GILROY BLASTS MAKEDONIA

Makedonia 1 Brisb. City 2

Scorers: 1-0 Dunn 10m, 1-1 Swan 52m, 1-2 O'Maye 55m.
Venue: Connor Reserve
Referee: Sam Zoumas 8
Cautions: Ollerton (PM), Swan (BC)

Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy a bad day for Makedonia by giving them a verbal lashing at the end of a match which will linger as the club's worst in four years of NSL competition.

"Some teams sneak away wins; we didn't do that today — we won the match convincingly from the start.

"We were not concerned how Makedonia would play the game. We went out with a set plan and held our own against the wind, then took over completely in the second half.

"I was very upset by Makedonia's performance because they have got a lot of talented players.

"Odzakov is a super player. Then there are others like George Campbell, Dunn and Cole.

"We have a very inexperienced side but by comparison we made them look bad.

"I just wish I had some of their players. In fact with two of their better players I am convinced we could win the championship.

"Yet if you took two of their good players out of the side they wouldn't even miss them — they have so many established players in the squad," Gilroy said.

A good proportion of the 2000 at Connor Reserve obviously felt the same way after seeing Makedonia giving away a one-goal lead to lose its third match in succession.

But for some reason they made only two people the scapegoats for Makedonia's poor performance — coach Peter Ollerton and striker Gary Cole.

There was a hum of disapproval every time Cole got the ball, while in the case of Ollerton there were the initial tentative jeers which grew louder as the match progressed, building into all-round booing as he trudged off the park with assistant coach Frank McAleer at the end of the game.

Ollerton had been forced into a playing role after 10 minutes of sitting on the sidelines because of the suspension of George McMillan and an injury to Graham Heys.

Ollerton came in at sweeper and moved Zoran Ljosec into a fullback position.

The resultant reshuffle meant On Opasinski and Robbie Dunn moved into midfield.

Dunn was the only Makedonia player who kept trying but too many hung their heads and gave up once the tide started going against them.

All this happened despite an ideal start which saw Makedonia take the lead after only 10 minutes from a free kick awarded over a foul on Zarko Odzakovic just outside the box.

Dunn curled the kick round the wall, into the top far corner.

Brisbane City keeper Kim Wishart accepted most of the blame for the goal.

"Kim's ankle slipped slightly as the kick was taken and he took the blame for the goal and told the players as much at half time," Gilroy said.

But after nudging ahead, Makedonia's attacks made little headway and in most cases were foiled by Brisbane City's offside trap.

The only other real scoring chance for the home side in the first half came when Claude Lucchesi was waved on as he intercepted a back-pass to make his way to the byline for a cross to the far post.

The ball bobbed about in the area with three half clearances before it fell back to Lucchesi whose final header was saved.

Brisbane City's sorties against the wind were a Tim O'Maye header which went wide and a Steve Glockner shot which was blocked.

Makedonia's lead vanished within 10 minutes of the change of ends.

Ken Swan equalised for the visitors in the 52nd minute, hammering home a shot which went in off the post after Glockner headed down a cross from Frank Pimblett.

And three minutes later, O'Maye headed past Steve Potter following a corner kick by Bobby Hamilton.

With the jeers growing louder, Ollerton took himself and George Campbell off and brought on youngsters Jim Baleski and Nick Kotevski.

But neither of the two made any impression on the game and it was left to Potter to stop good shots from Frank Mengotti, Alan Hughes, and twice from Pimblett, as Brisbane City took a stranglehold on the game.

Makedonia finally forced its first corner for the second half two minutes from the end and almost equalised when Dunn's header forced a goal-line clearance by O'Maye.

"We had a lot of good players on the day. Tim O'Maye, playing in only his second game for us, scored a good goal. Frank Mengotti was at fullback for the first time in his life yet adjusted to the position easily and gave us a bit of overlapping strength.

"But I think the main difference was the return of Frank Pimblett in midfield which allowed us to control and organise and settle on the ball early," Gilroy said.

"To a certain extent I can understand Makedonia's problem because we have a similar situation in Brisbane, with a poor record at home.

"The fans have every right to be upset when the team is losing but it is making the players over-anxious to do well — they feel the pressure at home much more than they do away and I'd say that is why we have won only one match in Brisbane while we've got five victories away."



Peter Desira

Man of the Match:
FRANK PIMBLETT
(Brisbane City)



Joe Gilroy



St George's young midfielder Pedro Ricoy in action against Brisbane Lions. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO

Cumming shows Scarpa, Tallerico how to compete

Melb. Croatia 2 Ad. Juventus 0

Scorers: Gojevic 77th, Cumming 80th.
Venue: Olympic Park No. 1
Crowd: about 1,500.
Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

Steve Gojevic just had one of those days.

As Croatia and Adelaide Juventus slogged it out, Gojevic was an innocent bystander. He's been guilty of getting involved before, of tearing the heart out of opponents, of scoring vital goals and of setting them up.

Here, the game simply passed him by.

So when he found the ball bouncing in front of him in the 77th minute and a wall of players guarding his path to the Adelaide Juventus goal, it seemed that yet another Gojevic pass would go astray or possession would be lost as he again went on a doomed solo run.

Gojevic fooled us all. And probably surprised himself.

He hammered a low, bouncing shot past Adelaide Juventus goalie Willie McNally and into the far corner.

The impasse was shattered.

Croatia didn't need to smell more blood. Three minutes later Tommy Cumming went in for the kill. He set himself, about 30 metres out, then cracked an absolute screamer into the top far corner. It was 2-0 now and no contest.

Adelaide Juventus had come to Melbourne expecting to grab at least a point. And why not? Hadn't we all been reading about the talents of imports Nello Scarpa and Tommaso Tallerico? Scarpa was supposed to control midfield and Tallerico was supposed to get into scoring situations.

Instead, Scarpa buzzed in and out of the match, showing off delicate touches, a quick eye which allows him to seize upon chances to play the ball forward, but a distinct disinclination towards the athletic requirements of recovering and picking up opponents off the ball.

As for Tallerico, an advertisement for everything that's good in the Italian Second Division he certainly ain't.

His effort reached fever pitch when he first ran onto the ground.

Croatia should have been 3-0 up at half time. Then, its supporters wouldn't have had to endure the agony of seeing the ball bouncing about inside the Adelaide Juventus penalty area in the second half with no Croatia players able to strike.

Dave Brogan, at the far post and unmarked, headed a great Rob Markovic chip against Juventus stopper Neville Flounders in the 3rd minute. The ball rolled across the goal line then was smacked out for a corner.

Jon Antolovic sent Markovic skating down the right in the 7th minute. Markovic cut the ball back, Brogan let it run to Cumming, but the little Croatia midfielder shot



Craig Mackenzie

Man of the Match:
TONY CURCIO
(Melb. Croatia)

The woodwork stopped Markovic in the 33rd minute. A superb interpassing move involving Cumming, Antolovic, Josip Biskic and Markovic ended with Biskic laying the ball off to Markovic, whose first time shot cannoned off the outside of the near post.

Three minutes into the second half, Juventus should have taken the lead.

Steve Maxwell, a good player who didn't do much here, chipped Peter Blasby. The ball bounced off the bar to the incoming Joe Mullen who headed onto the bar and over.

Gojevic had a shot from seven metres blocked in the 50th minute, after a great run into the right side of the area by Antolovic and Cumming sent a series of balls into the Juventus area from the left but Croatia couldn't capitalise.

Until Gojevic struck. Cumming's great goal was reward for the effort he put in Scarpa and especially Tallerico, should watch Cumming closely. They might learn something about what's known as "the competitive edge."

O'Connor returns, Eaton ties game

Blacktown 2 Marconi 2

Scorers: McCulloch pen 3rd, Brown 64th, Byrne 44th, Eaton 81st.
Venue: Gabba Stadium.
Crowd: 870.
Referee: Gary Power 9.

From the moment Tommy McCulloch scored from the penalty spot in the third minute it looked like the Demons were in for another drubbing.

Cliff Pointer hung onto Rod Brown inside the penalty area and McCulloch beat Hoare with a well placed shot from the spot.

However, Marconi failed to capitalise. Despite having most of the play and in the process creating more opportunities, Marconi failed miserably when it came to scoring goals.

Marconi's problems were compounded by Gary Byrne. The last time these two sides met, Byrne was on the mark to give Blacktown a well deserved



George Streeter

this occasion Byrne chimed in to score a fine goal in the 44th.

Robbie Wheatley flew down the right flank before finding Adam Sandy. A cross by Sandy and a neat finish by Byrne saw the sides even at half time.

Marconi seemed to have lost some of its first-half rhythm but as soon as Rod Brown beat Hoare with a great shot on the turn in the 64th, things went back to normal. Blacktown struck valiantly but with little chance of overhauling Marconi.

Then came an error by Mark Janovic, which made the two sides even again. He allowed the ball to go to unmarked Clive Eaton and Bruce James was beaten yet again with an angled drive which found the far corner of the net.

Man of the Match:
DAVID LOWE
(Marconi)

invariably pay for them and Janovic is well aware of that. While it is almost forgivable to make a mistake in attack, it is a sin to err at the back.

Only 800 people ventured to the Gabba for this encounter and I can't help feeling that those who stayed at home missed one of the better games of football.

Played at a fast pace, the game provided thrills and spills with Marconi having most of the say, but not entirely everything its own way.

For Blacktown, Phil O'Connor returned after a 15-match lay-off only to be replaced some eight minutes from time.

It was a bonus point for the Demons, as not only did O'Connor return, but most believed the match was lost

Brisb Lions 3 St George 2

Scorers: Lions — Daunt 21st, Vasquez 25th, McDonagh 65th. St George — Slater (60th and 78th).

Venue: Richards.
Cautions: Barton (SG), R. Stewart (L).

Referee: Gordon Nicholson.

Australia B striker Robbie Slater was the hero in a losing side as last year's wooden spooners Brisbane Lions beat reigning NSL champion St George Budapest.

St George, playing without Frank Arok who is in Europe seeking medical treatment, lost international goalkeeper Terry Greedy with an injured hip after only 25 minutes.

Young striker Andrew Koczka took over between the sticks, and with David Batten showing little form, Slater became the sole striking force for St George.

Slater rose to the occasion and scored both goals as he twice nearly steered St George back to level terms.

The red-headed winger finished a great move, which featured a blistering run by Mark Barton, in the 60th minute, then scored from a breakaway in the 78th minute.

But each time his goal only narrowed Lions' two-goal margin and St George could not find the little bit extra to equalise.

But take nothing away from Lions, who have looked an inspired outfit since Gordon Ar-



Ricky Rosso

rowsmith took over from Harry Noon a fortnight ago.

The side will never win any awards for being the most skillful in the league, but players like Alan Niven, Ray Junna, Steve Jackson, Calvin Daunt and Roddy Vasquez are willing to give their all.

Work rate is Lions' big strength and their constant running took St George by surprise early.

And the efforts paid off for the home side after 21 minutes.

Daunt, who loves to prove his critics wrong, showed great skill to rise at the near post and glance an Alan Niven cross into the bottom right hand corner, well out of the reach of Greedy.

Four minutes later, Lions put themselves into the box seat when Vasquez scored from close range to net his second in as many weeks.

Ironically, the move was one of the set pieces introduced to the side by Noon.

Russell Stewart knocked on a near post corner for Joe Cairney to flick on and Vasquez to finish off.

Lions maintained the lead comfortably to the break and looked even more in control

Man of the Match:
ROBBIE SLATER
(St George)

after half time. The home side had at least three good scoring opportunities which would have sealed the match but they found themselves panicking when St George pegged one back in the 68th minute.

Lions had themselves to blame for they never really tested Koczka in goal and more times than not had their attacking moves stopped by senseless off-sides.

But the home team seemed to have the points in their keeping when Jim McDonagh put Lions 3-1 ahead in the 65th minute.

The goal came from a mix-up between Koczka and David Ratcliffe who tried to shuffle it to his keeper.

But during the indecision, McDonagh nipped in to slam home Lions' third.

When Slater pulled another back shortly after, Lions began to look anxious and Arrrowsmith adopted safety-first tactics.

In a move, possibly taken out of the Arok coaching manual, he substituted defender Bob McKimming for Cairney and played five across the back.

The move achieved its desired result and Lions were able to play out the remaining 10 minutes finding off only minor goalmouth skirmishes.

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**Man of
the Match:**
MIKE GIBSON
(PENRITH)

**Syd. Croatia 0
Penrith 0**

At: King Tomislav Park.
Sydney Croatia earned its first point under new coach Harry Noon in this draw.

Noon, who resigned from his post at Brisbane Lions, took over as coach midweek, relieving injured captain Bruno Vidalc from the caretaker role.

Noon was pleased with Croatia's defensive effort as the team struggled to lift itself up the NSL ladder.

"Penrith didn't have a shot at goal and what I asked of the players was done," he said.

However, Penrith coach Willie Wallace was not too disappointed with his team.

"Looking at the two sides today, we'll score a lot more goals than they will," he said.

"We created a few more chances but they defended quite well."

Croatia had three clear-cut chances in the first half in the only period of goalmouth action of the match.

The first came in the 10th minute when left midfielder David Rezo's shot hit the post.

Striker Zeljko Jurin, making his debut for Croatia after recently arriving from Yugoslavia, suffered twice at the expert hands of Penrith's goalkeeper Mike Gibson.

In the 22nd minute, Jurin shot hard and low from within the penalty area but Gibson held the ball and two minutes later he broke clear of the defence but his shot was charged down by the keeper.

**Syd Olympic 1
Canberra 1**

Scorers: Theodorakopoulos 15th, Sermani 55th
Venue: Pratten Park
Crowd: 2980

Referee: Tim Davies 7.
Cautions: Brockbank, Hogg.
You can fool some of the people some of the time

This is the perfect time to use Abraham Lincoln's quote to illustrate the standard of play and the lack of a crowd at Pratten Park.

In the past many a soccer goer has suggested that should Olympic be in sight of the top

of the table, then at least 10,000 people would venture to the ground to watch.

Well, I have news for you Sydney Olympic has never been as close to the top and yet only a paltry 2980 turned up.

After its display against Canberra, it was no surprise that a large chunk of the support was leaving the ground with a good five minutes of play left.

For those who are versed with our Player of the Year award, it is also interesting to note that someone in the press box wanted to know how I was going to pick six players who deserved points!

It was hard, believe me.



Alex Vesic

Peter Katholos and Jimmy Patikas, the darlings of this Greek crowd failed to show. While Katholos had a very poor game, Patikas at least tried.

He ran through Canberra's "leading" defence to latch onto a header by Nick Theo-

**Man of
the Match:**
GARY MEIER
(Syd. Olympic)

dorakopoulos in the 46th, then again in the 52nd, faced Franken but simply shot past the post.

Patikas looked set to score also during the first period, but some 10 metres away from goal, provided Franken with an easy "mark".

Chances aside, it was difficult to find an Olympic player

who would rate.

Gary Phillips certainly tried hard but his game was full of errors. Kalantzis and Theodorakopoulos also tried hard but with very little support.

Theodorakopoulos in fact promised no less than three goals before the match, but his 15th minute shot amounted to only one.

It was a fine goal indeed and the only time in the match when the crowd celebrated.

Graham Jennings and Katholos were involved in the move, which resulted in Theodorakopoulos breaking through to face Franken and score.

Canberra was not without a chance. In fact the visitors

came out during the second period looking quite hungry and created a few openings. Ian Gibson, then Andrew Brockbank, faced Gary Meier only to see the Olympic keeper make some great saves to keep his side in front.

With 10 minutes gone in the second period, Ian Gibson waited past a couple of defenders before cutting his cross back to Tom Sermani. A first-timer from Sermani beat Meier and the outstretched legs of Jennings on the goal line to post the final score.

What happened in the last 35 minutes of this game one would tend to forget to protect the guilty!

HELLAS HITS TOP SPOT!

**SM-Hellas 2
Green Gully 1**

Scorers: Brown 28th, Davidson 39th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: About 4000.
Cautions: Hoggben (GG), Crino (SM).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Hellas climbed on the top of the ladder with its third successive victory — albeit an unconvincing one — while Green Gully, under new coach Bobby McLachlan, is left only one point away from last place after its fourth successive loss.

Hellas played well for only the latter part of the first half. Green Gully had chances to take the lead before Hellas scored, and could have equalised after half time, although Hellas also had two good chances late in the game, when Doug Brown had a free kick stopped acrobatically by Lou Denys, and Charlie Egan saw the ball roll too far away from him as he took it down on his chest close to goal.

Full back Bobby Russell, one of Hellas's better players, conceded after the match that his team had not played well.

"We were down in the second half, but as long as we come good for the important ones, we'll be OK," Russell said.

McLachlan was delighted



Laurie Schwab

with Green Gully's endeavour. Paul Wade excelled in midfield, although he did mar his performance by missing an open goal after the ball had bounced out to him off the post from Paul Lewis's free kick.

Ken Smart marked Ken Murphy effectively. Steve McClelland had a gutsy game at right back, David Hoggben overlapped spiritedly on the left, and Les Carter was extremely creative in attack.

For Hellas, Oscar Crino showed his class when he could. Steve Blair was sound in defence, and Charlie Egan and Doug Brown were menacing without being at their best.

Angelo Postecoglou deserves praise for his energetic performance at left back. He came into the team for his first full senior game to replace John Yzendoorn who was unavailable due to family problems.

Brown notched his 10th goal of the season in this match, and so is still on target for his second Boral Bricks top

**Man of
the Match:**
PAUL WADE
(Green Gully)

scorer's award, although Hakoah's John Kosmina remains three goals ahead, while Alan Davidson scored his first goal of the year as well as giving one away with a bad back-pass.

Bobby McGuinness, who took advantage of that pass from Davidson, delighted in scoring against Hellas, the club that dumped him at the end of 1979, after he had joined from Sydney Hakoah.

It was McGuinness's fifth NSL goal. He scored his first two for Hakoah — one in 1977 and one in 1978, and the rest since joining Green Gully from Morwell Falcons.

Although Green Gully had the chances to win, it tested Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets only once — with a header by Smart after a cross by Lewis. The other times Green Gully players threatened the goal, they simply missed.

Like Lewis, for instance, who missed next to the post, and then shot over the top in the 18th and 20th minutes.

Hellas took the lead as the result of Stuart Cannell holding the ball too long in the box. Egan took it away from him, Murphy cut it square, and Brown — who had scored both goals against Green Gully in the second round of the season — tapped it in past goalkeeper Lou Denys.

Lewis looked set to equalise when he raced into the clear, heading towards goal, but Russell chopped him down with a professional foul. Lewis took the free kick himself, and hit the bottom of the post. It bounced out to Wade, who kicked over the top!

Brown, Egan, Carl Halford, Murphy and Crino all were involved in a brilliant move that resulted in Hellas's second goal, scored by Davidson with a 20 metre drive in the 39th minute. Shortly afterwards, a shot by Brown bounced off the back of a defender, and Egan flicked it on with his head, but Denys made a fine save, touching the ball over the bar.

Then came Davidson's back-pass, resulting in McGuinness's goal which made the half-time score 2-1.

Green Gully cut loose upon resumption. Wade missed with a header from a McClelland cross. Lewis shot across goal from an angle after breaking through. McGuinness raced away on a pass from Lewis but lacked the speed to get clear, and what appeared to be a goalscoring chance fizzled out.

Hellas fought back from the 63rd minute, when Brown's free kick was saved by Denys, but very late in the game, Green Gully came close again, and McGuinness was foiled on the goal line.

Hellas won the youth league game 3-0 with goals by George Karipitis and Jim Pasakos, and a penalty by George Kalligeros. Steve Short, the Green Gully sweeper making a comeback after injury, was injured again and carried off on a stretcher.



Green Gully midfielder Paul Wade



Wollongong's newcomer for the 1985 season, former Welsh international Peter Sayer (second from right) seen in action for his former club Brighton against Spurs in an English First Division clash at White Hart Lane.

Imports make Alston optimistic about '85

**SC — Hakoah 5
Wollongong 0**

Scorers: Barnes 1st, Fletcher 7th, Gomez 9th, Green own goal 62nd, Watson 87th.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field

Crowd: 753
Referee: Graeme Warr 6.
Cautions: Willis (W)

Wollongong City is looking ahead to the 1985 season and no wonder, with performances such as its total collapse against Hakoah.

Coach Noddy Alston put on a brave face in the aftermath of a 5-0 thrashing, which easily could have been doubled. One reason for his optimism is the signing of a couple of British players for next season.

"We'll have a 21-year-old from Luton Town, but, more than that, former Welsh international Peter Sayer will also be stripping for Wollongong," he revealed.

A 5 foot 6 inches striker formerly with Brighton and Cardiff City, Sayer appeared for Wales seven times from 1977 to 1978. His caps were gained against Czechoslovakia, England, Northern Ireland, and two apiece against Scotland and Kuwait. He'd better be a sharpshooter if Wollongong is to avoid becoming a greater embarrassment to the NSL.

The southerners were enthusiastic, seemingly fit, but completely devoid of the skills necessary to take on the likes of Hakoah.

A sympathetic Eddie Thomson ("They did have a few players out with injury and suspension.") was nonetheless wondering about the wisdom of having so-called "development clubs" in the league after nearly eight years of operation.

"Wollongong and others with similar status know they won't get relegated, no matter how badly they do," he said.

"Teams in this kind of situation can write off a season which is heading for trouble, while others above them can be relegated — a ridiculous situation."

Incidentally, Thomson also had selection problems, with Steve O'Connor serving a one-match suspension, and Paul Kay and Willie Murray both sidelined with hamstring problems.

But his youngsters were again in impeccable form, with Ian Rodrigues putting on an elegant display at right

**Man of
the Match:**
MURRAY BARNES
(SC — Hakoah)

Peter Scott

back, Jean-Paul De Marigny dashing on the opposite flank, Gerry Gomez his usual dependable self as sweeper — as well as the proud scorer of a spectacular goal with a diving header in the ninth minute.

Lee and Fletcher also solid, dependable and dangerous.

Yet another youngster, Peter Falconer, had his NSL debut (having already played in the NSL cup) alongside his brother Keith as a second-half replacement in midfield.

One suspected that the floodgates would open up when Murray Barnes, in his benefit year and the undoubted star of Hakoah in this match, put a header into the net in less than a minute.

Fletcher followed up with a well-placed shot in the seventh through a tangle of legs and when Gomez scored his two

minutes later the match was over and done with.

Wollongong's standard of play rarely rose above that of a minor league side, almost never managing to string together more than two or three passes.

Misery was compounded when a desperately stretched David Green put the ball into his own net and, for good measure, Joe Watson sneaked down the left wing before scoring from an incredibly acute angle just a few minutes from the end.

None of the Wollongong players is worthy of special mention, apart from lanky defender Scott Dickson, who did a good job of subduing an eager and goal-hungry John Kosmina.

Noddy Alston is off to Britain in October looking to sign more players on the transfer market. They'd better be pretty, pretty good.



Sydney City Hakoah star Murray Barnes. He scored in the first minute against Wollongong. Hakoah went on to win 5-0.

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West Adelaide Hellas star Graham Honeyman bursts past fallen Juventus midfielder Rob Cullen at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS.



Juventus striker Gary Ward (left) tries to break clear of West Adelaide Hellas youngster Nick Mousoulis.



Ken Kontra

Geo Cross 1 Heidelberg 1

Scorers: Tzintzis 5th (Geo Cross)
Venue: Chaplin Reserve
Crowd: 2500
Cautions: Gabrielson (H)
Referee: Jim Fokianos 8

Ross Maclaren played an excellent game in his farewell appearance for George Cross. He was dominant in the air, solid as a rock in the tackle, and his distribution started many promising attacks.

He was obviously pleased to finish his stint in Australia with such a fine result. A draw against the league leaders is quite an achievement for a bottom of the table side, particularly when you consider that splitting the points actually flattered Heidelberg based on the teams' comparative first-half performance.

In fact Billy Wilkinson was quite adamant that George Cross is no longer playing like a relegation candidate and can take on any team on an equal basis.

Maclaren stars in final game

Man of the Match:
ROSS MACLAREN
(Geo. Cross)

Certainly, there was a lot of commitment and effort in the George Cross team, and the results of the past two weeks should further increase the confidence of the players.

Heidelberg, without the suspended Charlie Yankos and injured Steve Marley, lined up with Joe Angele as sweeper and John Gabrielson at left back. Bobby Toal gave young Gabrielson a torrid time, especially in the first half, and with Don Macleod and Ian McKie fully committed to contain Mick McGorian and Ossie Latif respectively, Angele had a nightmare as sweeper, and found himself chasing shadows most of the time.

In the second half, Brian Garvey made a positional change, with Angele swapping with Don Macleod and this move certainly helped to subdue the buzzing George Cross forwards.

Heidelberg's defensive problems were aggravated by the fact that its midfield trio of Selemidis, Petersen and Valentine was well and truly beaten by Don Maclaren, Jeff Faulkner and Slobodan Jovanovic.

Being thrashed in the middle of the park also meant that the Heidelberg forwards were isolated and spent most

of the first half chasing hopeful 50-50 balls, or were forced to come back deep to be involved in the game.

Despite George Cross' dominance it was Heidelberg that scored first. Scott Patterson headed the ball across the goal from an Ian McKie free kick and Paul Tzintzis had the simple task of slotting home from two metres.

In the 24th minute, Bobby Toal, following a great run behind the Heidelberg defence, pulled the ball back from the goal line to Latif, who was lurking at the near post and his shot beat Jeff Oliver for the equaliser.

Oliver pulled off several fine saves in this half and it was largely to his credit, that George Cross could not turn its greater possession of the ball into a handy lead.

The game levelled out in the second half and in the end it was Heidelberg who should have wrapped it up in the 89th



minute. Tom Costello made a mess of a harmless looking cross, dropping it in front of substitute Steve Tasios, whose poor effort missed the open goal and after a scramble the ball eventually crossed the line for a goal kick.

This was an entertaining match, although the soccer was not of a high standard. On the other hand, the effort by both teams, George Cross' in the first half in particular, and Heidelberg's in the second, when it lifted its game considerably, perhaps compensated for the lack of finer points.

With the departure of Ross Maclaren George Cross is hoping that Jim O'Reilly will return from Scotland in time for the next week's game but Heidelberg's problems could have been further aggravated through the injury to captain Theo Selemidis who had to be substituted in the second half and taken to hospital with a suspected dislocated shoulder.

Parting comments by Ross Maclaren. He enjoyed his stay very much, the standard of soccer here is much higher than he expected (about the level of English 4th division), and yes, given the opportunity, he would like to return for another stint next year. I am sure George Cross would welcome him with open arms!

JUVENTUS ROBBED!

By FRANK PANGALLO

WA-Hellas 2 Juventus 2

Scorers: Swinscoe (Juve) 8th; Ward (Juve) 56th; Konstantopoulos (WA) 16th; Honeyman (WA) 78th (pen).
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Cautions: Juve-Geremia, Dowie, Lloyd, Zinni. Hellas: Honeyman, Panagis, Mousoulis.

Referee: Jim Rossis, 3.

It is time the ability of South Australian referees was seriously questioned.

For too long this season, home and visiting teams have had to endure alarming inconsistency and conflicting interpretations of the rules.

And linesman have difficulty enforcing the offside rule because they're either unsighted or simply not concentrating hard enough on play.

I've kept a close eye on local officials all season and most

simply don't measure up to the standard that should be demanded.

Everybody — media critics, players, referees, coaches — make errors. Usually they're small and can be forgiven. It's those serious errors of judgment that shouldn't be dismissed as mere mistakes, especially when they continue to happen week in, week out.

It was appalling refereeing that enabled West Adelaide Hellas to escape with a draw and robbed Brunswick Juventus of full points.

Brunswick Juve seemed to be coasting towards victory 12 minutes from the final whistle when referee Jim Rossis awarded Hellas a penalty. It was an outrageous decision that even had Hellas fans agast — but they weren't about to complain.

Quite clearly it wasn't a penalty. Striker Nick Malvaos, who spent most of the game falling over himself be-

Man of the Match:
ROB CULLEN
(Juventus)

cause he held onto the ball too long, tried to squeeze between two Juve defenders, lost his balance and went down.

Honeyman, gleefully, cancelled out Gary Ward's 56th minute goal which had seemed enough to set Juve on the path to victory.

Not long after, Rossis either missed or completely ignored a blatant foul by Hellas substitute Nick Mousoulis on Juve's Cullen. Mousoulis clearly tugged Cullen's shirt as the Juve midfielder was set to break clear on the box and possibly score.

Such a decision would have caused such an outrage in the good old days of the National Soccer League that ground officials would have needed hoses to quell the fires of discontent from the terraces. But these days the crowds aren't large enough and barely raise a whimper that wouldn't even startle a snail.

Rossis handed out a total of seven yellow cards. Some fouls were deserved, one or two weren't as malicious as Rossis made them seem and many more were missed.

The referee's willingness to issue cautions wasn't indicative of the nature of the game. Apart from an occasional show of temper from both teams, there was little spite.

Juve, kicking into the teeth of a gusty breeze, opened the scoring in the eighth minute when Kevin Swinscoe fired in a great curling drive from 20 metres.

Hellas levelled eight minutes later through Konstantopoulos against the run of play.

Juve had control of the game in midfield and its defence had far too much strength for Hellas' inexperienced and fragile front-runners.

Zinni, Lloyd, Ward and Cullen gave Hellas most of its anxious moments. Cullen and Ward took command in the second half and had Hellas defending desperately as it struggled to master the gusty conditions.

Hellas' ball skills and passing were inferior to its opponents, albeit only marginally.

However it almost proved to be the difference between the two. Hellas defender Ian McGregor mistimed a clearance-cum-crossfield pass. It was intercepted by Swinscoe who demonstrated how it should be done by relaying the ball almost immediately to Ward, who thumped the ball wide of Sproul.

McGregor remains as one of the more enigmatic players in the Hellas line-up. Panagis is another. Their worth has been negligible for some time now yet despite their poor form, they still manage to pull on a shirt each week. I've attempted to get some explanation for this phenomenon from Hellas officials but each time my query draws a blank.

Hellas relies much on its youthful enthusiasm and hard running to overcome deficiencies in the skills department. But it was a hard slog against Juve which marked tightly and tackled strongly all day.

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beating league leader St George Budapest 2-0. Earlier in the season, I won 9-2 against Budapest which was top then as well.

Shoulder will form his national youth squad over a series of training camps.

They are at Monash University (Vic) on August 7, 8, 9 at Parklea (NSW) on August 14, 15, 16, in Canberra on August 21, 22, 23 and September 25, 26, 27. Another camp will be run in October.

During this period, training matches will be played against Heidelberg-Alexander, Blacktown and Canberra Arrows.

Players called up for Shoulder's training camp at Monash University are: Stuart Lee (Ringwood Whitehills); Paris Tzambazis, Ernie Tapai (Melbourne); Aki Kotzamalchis (Springvale City); John Gabrielson, John Metaxas, Steve Tasios (Heidelberg Alexander); Alan Roodhouse, Darren White (Box Hill); John Kanesoulis, Con Kikios (SM-Hellas); Claude Avian (Polonia); Robert Markovac (Melbourne Croatia) and Victor Cristaldo (Keller 7).

And, finally, the young Soccercoos will compete in the Joac Havelange international youth tournament in Mexico in January next year, as preparation for the WYC qualifying matches.

Bobby Parks penalty save wins it for APIA



Mick Mikolajczyk

Mel. Eagles 1 APIA 2

Scorers: (Vial 66th Bradley 17th, Bonzanic 43rd)
Venue: Melita Stadium
Crowd: 2223
Cautions: McDonald (M)
Vial (M) Morsello (A) Butler (A)
Referee: D. Rennie 8.

APIA left the result of this enthralling match in doubt until the very last minute before goalkeeper Bobby Parks brilliantly

saved a penalty to clinch the two points.

APIA's coach Fil Botallico was not pleased at all.

"Every week we struggle," he said.

"We end up holding onto a one goal lead after making heaps of chances."

"Why must we all have to endure such suspense?"

And what suspense it was! APIA looked so far in front at halftime that their victory seemed a formality.

Only a stirring comeback by Melita nearly dashed their hopes.

Early robust play by APIA was designed to unsettle the

depleted home team whose understanding was hampered by the inclusion of so many replacement players.

Missing through injury were Ray Farrugia, Stuart Johnston, Don Allan, John Davies and Maltese star Silvio Derranuele who hasn't managed to play one game for his new club.

However Melita showed great character and nearly snatched a draw from a greatly superior opponent.

After 17 minutes APIA took the lead. Midfielder Ian Gray, already stamping his authority on the match with pinpoint distribution and tireless covering, made space on the right before working the ball inside to John Bradley who had no trouble slotting it home as Melita's defence stood and watched.

Two minutes from halftime APIA scored their second. Fullback Vic Bonzanic cannoned a free kick from 25 metres into the defensive wall.

The ball somehow flew through, took a deflection to the left and shot past Chris Hummel who was already committed to the right.

Just five minutes after the break, Gray and Bradley combined cleverly to put the latter into the clear. Bradley's shot was blocked by keeper Hummel. Tony Morsello then headed against the post and after several rebounds Hummel finally claimed it.

In the 52nd minute Bradley set Gaban on his way. Hummel, calculating his angles well, forced the rampaging striker wide, giving centre back Ken Wilson enough time to cover and clear off the goal line.

Five minutes later Morsello made a twisting turning run only to see his shot again cleared off the line by Wilson.

The next instant, Peter Derrinick crashed his shot onto the post and Gray, following up, drove the rebound goalwards, only to be denied by Hummel's acrobatic save.

APIA's midfield dominance was so great that Melita looked in danger of being swamped. The home side tried valiantly to stay in touch and looked most dangerous executing set plays at corners and free kicks.

In the 66th minute Raul Blanco made a substitution and a tactical switch. John Greston came on for Bobby McGinn and Ken Wilson was pushed up front. Before the minute was out Melita pulled a goal back. Young striker Len Vial surged into the clear, held off strong challenges from two APIA defenders, then found away past oncoming keeper Parks and somehow survived to get the ball over the line.

The last 20 minutes were breathtaking, full of non-stop action as players from both sides flung themselves into the fray, shouting caution to the wind.

This produced a remarkable array of missed chances which kept the vocal crowd on their feet till the final whistle.

John McKie should have tied the game for Melita in the 80th minute but his angled shot skidded off the post.

Right on fulltime Melita's substitute winger Paul Andricopoulos threaded his way into the penalty area and was pulled back by fullback Mark Brown. Colin McAusland slammed the penalty high and Bobby Parks pulled off a great save, instinctively springing to his right to tip the ball around the post.

The APIA players were still in a giant embrace as referee Doug Rennie blew fulltime.

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Giresse — France's little lieutenant

By PAUL MOON

If Michel Platini — captain, goalscorer, midfield inspiration and, surely, Europe's 1984 Footballer of the Year — was the most influential figure in the recent European Championship, then his team-mate Alain Giresse must also be placed high on the tournament's roll of honor.

Giresse is unlikely to begrudge Platini any of the glory, for the little (5'3½") linkman will contentedly spend the remainder of the close season pottering around his farmhouse near Bordeaux, while Platini lives the goldfish life of a superstar in Turin.

Loyalty to the area of his birth undoubtedly has cost Giresse much in terms of fame and fortune, as many major European and North American clubs have attempted to lure him away without success.

Born in the village of Langoiran, on Bordeaux's outskirts, Giresse was coached from early childhood by his father, who supervised a small local club.

When 11, the diminutive youngster went to Girondins Bordeaux for a trial, only to be told he was far too small to contemplate becoming a professional. Girondins was astute enough however to find him a place in one of its junior teams.

Twenty years later, Giresse remains with the club and is now almost a Bordeaux institution. After signing a contract which keeps him at Bordeaux until 1986, he received an average of 50 thank you letters a day for almost six months!

Yet it took him considerably longer to win over the rest of France. After making an excellent international debut during a 2-0 win over Poland in Wrocław in 1974, appearances were sporadic for the next nine years, during which he was converted from a goalmaking inside forward or winger into midfielder.

Before the 1984 World Cup finals, Giresse had represented his country just 14 times.

His skill, sureness of touch and non-stop running in Spain however were major features in the team which won the world's sympathy when robbed of a place in the final by West German goalkeeper Schuster's brutality and a traumatic penalty shoot out.

Giresse's role was acknowledged by France's sportswriters, who voted him "Sportsman of the Year", ahead of national hero Bernard Hinault, winner of the Tour de France.

The heartbreak of Seville and the purity of France's football made France the sentimental favorite for the European Championship and few will begrudge it the ultimate triumph.

At the half-way point between Mundials, the French must be ranked as the world's top side. Without the guiding hand of retired coach Michel Hidalgo and playing in Latin America, France's task of actually winning the 1986 event is a formidable one.



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

● **Queen's Park Rangers will play their 1984-85 UEFA Cup home games at Arsenal's Highbury Stadium. UEFA has refused Rangers permission to use their own artificial pitch.**

● **Despite being beaten in the semi final, Denmark's team received a heroes' welcome when returning to Copenhagen.**

● **Coventry City has acquired two interesting free transfers in veteran striker Bob Latchford (from NAC Breda) and Martin Jol (from West Bromwich Albion).**

● **Jacques George of France is the new president of UEFA in succession to Armand Franchi, who was killed in a car crash last year.**

● **Bobby Charlton has become a director of his old club Manchester United.**

● **Todor Veselinovic's resignation as Yugoslavia's national team coach was expected after its dismal European Championship finals results.**

● **French stopper Yvon Le Roux will miss his country's World Cup opener with Luxembourg, having been suspended for one game as the result of being sent off in the European Championship final.**

Olympic organisers 'tap-dancing in minefield'

By SAUNDRA SAPERSTEIN of the Washington Post

Jim Malone and Dutch Schulteis are balancing on scaffolds 130 feet in the air, painting giant stars on a city water tower. A local lawyer is beating the bushes for Arabic and Serbo-Croatian interpreters who must pass a US security clearance. The Coast Guard already has sunk thick steel grates in the harbor to protect the Hilton Inn's dock area. And police in Annapolis are getting ready for everything from defectors to terrorists.

The crush of activity may not quite compare with the preparation in Los Angeles for the 1984 Olympic Games, but the purpose is the same. In less than a month, Olympic soccer will be played in Washington's back yard, as seven international teams kick their way through the first round of the Olympic soccer tournament in Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis. As Brooks Robinson, a former Baltimore Oriole baseball player turned commentator, says in a television commercial for the tournament, "You won't have to fly to Los Angeles to see the Olympics this summer."

Planning for the six days of Games that begin on July 29 started more than a year ago when Annapolis was picked as the site, and preparations in this city of 32,000 offer a microcosm of all problems, from logistics to commercialisation to security, that have plagued the Olympic Games themselves.

Annapolis beat out 20 cities to be chosen, along with Los Angeles, Palo Alto, California, and Cambridge, Mass., as a site for the soccer tournament. The four winners had something the other cities did not: stadiums with the wider playing fields and natural grass that amateur soccer demands.

Annapolis is ready to play host to teams from France, Chile, Qatar and Yugoslavia, via the top-rated team in the tournament, whose players will arrive in the city on July 20, use practice fields at the Naval Academy and stay at the Hilton.

Teams from three other nations, Iraq, Canada and Cameroon, will fly in for their contests in the 30,000-seat stadium from Cambridge, Mass., the other east coast site for all

games. Eight other teams, including the United States, will play their first rounds at Stanford University in Palo Alto and the Rose Bowl. The top two teams at each site will advance to the quarter finals on the west coast.

With the FBI taking the lead, security includes scuba divers who will check the harbor for explosives. Coast Guard boats to patrol the city's waterways and US customs agents to make sure no one takes advantage of the situation to mount a smuggling operation, according to authorities. At the Hilton, which will serve as Olympic Village, everyone, including the guests at a wedding scheduled there that week, will have to pass through metal detectors.

Planning for this event "is like tap dancing in a mine field," Wright said. "We're not operating in a vacuum. This is the real world. Iraq is involved in a war in the Middle East. Obviously, what's really in the back of everyone's mind is what happened in Munich in 1972," when 11 Israeli athletes were killed in an Arab terrorist attack.

"This is supposed to be a festive event," said Wright. "We want to make sure that it is."

The pervasiveness of the Olympic's much-maligned commercialisation hit home here this week. The city water tower had to be painted with Rustoleum, the official supplier of paint, and organisers of an orientation for volunteer workers worried about whether they had to serve the official drink, Coca Cola, the official beer, from Anheuser-Busch, and the official hamburger, McDonald's.

It was yes to the first two, and no to the latter since the organisers decided to throw a barbecue, according to Kathleen Witte, who was in charge of the food. "Then we wondered, is there an official hamburger meat or an official hot dog?" Witte joked.

Success of the event depends on the co-ordination of thousands of "little things" that will ultimately involve 2000 volunteers and paid workers.

There are the message tables the trainers want at the Hilton, the ice cream that must be on the menu for dinner, and the still unknown requests for half-time snacks by athletes from all over the world.

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Some writers knock for sake of knocking!

Okay, so I was wrong about Iraklis. At least I'm prepared to own up to it.

After the first two games Iraklis played here against the national "B" team I didn't think that the Greeks were much good but in their next two games, against the national "A" team, they produced skillful, disciplined, constructive soccer and outplayed Australia.

When the "B" team drew 1-1 with Iraklis in Melbourne, a TV commentator said, "If the 'A' team were playing Iraklis today, they'd beat the Greeks by three goals."

I hope that commentator has changed his mind. After all, the "B" team was undefeated against Iraklis, and we controlled the game in mid-field against the Greeks — something the "A" team couldn't do.

Although the "A" team won 2-0 in Sydney, Iraklis was the only team to come here and really outplay the Supercorros. Iraklis showed its superiority by winning convincingly in Adelaide the following night. (Incidentally, with the exception of Dusan Mitosevic, Iraklis fielded the same team in Adelaide that had played against Australia 24 hours earlier in Sydney so if anyone had reason to be tired it was the Greeks).

Criticising the critics

I suppose the only way a player can silence his critics is to turn it on out on the park.

But even then, sad to say, there still are some people who are so committed to knocking that they take no notice.

Before the recent international series a writer in Sydney decided that it was his turn to play God (he's tried to play coach and failed) and he wrote about what defensive duties I should concentrate upon and how I should run off the ball.

Why he should put me under the microscope, I don't know. He was talking about what he saw as the ideal national team but if any of us were perfect we wouldn't be playing in Australia!

This trumped-up writer obviously doesn't know much about what it's like to be marked out on the field. I do because I'm used to it.

worried about me than I am about him. His job is to stop me. My job is to create.

As a junior I trained under Raul Blanco and I learned all facets of defensive play, so defensive duties aren't new to me. You've got to have your runners and your creators; your destructive players and your constructive players. I place emphasis on trying to be constructive. I happen to think, and so do the many coaches I've worked under, that I'm better in a creative role.

That's enough on this writer. Let's look at another piece of Sydney who's been having a go at me for two years.

He's a strange creature this. One week he praises you, the next he knifes you.

The other week he brought his toy microscope along to Olympic's game against St George and focused on my

duel with a young St George player, so that he could stop me in the papers the following morning.

As far as I was concerned I was very satisfied with my performance. It was my first game back in mid-field with Olympic since last year. And our coach, Manfred Schaefer, also was pleased with my display.

But not this infamous writer. He said that the St George player took me apart.

That's the sort of rubbish this bloke has been writing for ages. Unfortunately, he's made his name on it.

In a country where the game needs constructive criticism in order to improve, to knock players simply for the sake of knocking is to kick the game in the guts.

No wonder the game improves so slowly.

Players push out Klaus

Tasmanian State League club, Olympia-WPL, has sacked coach Otto Klaus for what the club said was "unsatisfactory service".

Olympia is in fourth place in the league and lost 2-4 to Rapid last weekend. The club intends appointing a caretaker coach to replace Klaus.

Olympia team manager, Steve Mammas issued the following statement following Klaus' dismissal: "The Olympia soccer club committee asked Mr Klaus to resign because of unsatisfactory service to the club. He refused to resign so we had no choice but to dismiss him."

Klaus says that he was not dismissed for unsatisfactory service. "They asked me to resign," he said, "but I refused. I told them I preferred to be sacked because in my opinion I



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Otto Klaus on the bench

hadn't done anything wrong. I was sacked because of 'player power'.

"There was a players' meeting on Tuesday and they decided to send three representatives to see the committee with a petition saying that they didn't want me as coach. I used rather strong terms at a team talk on Monday night. I told them I would definitely be making changes and that some

"Only one player, Nick Cook, showed up to training on Wednesday. That's the first time that has happened to me in 20 years of coaching. I guess it was easier for the club to sack one coach than 14 players. I can understand their position. Personally, I have no hard feelings. I've been in the game too long for that. I just wish the club the best of luck!"

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KOSMINA JOINS THE ALL-STARS

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tz among the Socceroo all-time greats.
who has played 59 games for Australia,
ay for Kosmina who boosted his tally to
the recent world series.

Australia's longest-serving Socceroo in each
position, with figures indicating total numbers of
games for Australia, the number of full inter-
nationals and number of goals scored for the Soc-
ceroos:



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MAHER**
39/22/0



**Doug
EŠENOVIC**
61/34/2



**Peter
WILSON**
114/62/3



**Manfred
SCHAEFER**
73/49/1



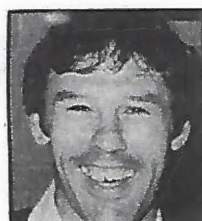
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HARRIS**
47/26/0



**Johnny
WARREN**
62/43/9



**Ray
RICHARDS**
60/32/10



**Jimmy
ROONEY**
100/53/7



**Atila
ABONYI**
88/58/36



**John
KOSMINA**
66/38/29



**Adrian
ALSTON**
61/39/17

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yskohus, D. Harding, T. Henderson
ojtek, H. Williams
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ankovics, C. Curran, T. Clarke
ole, R. Corry, E. Krncevic
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29. P. O'Connor
27. I. Prskalo
25. K. Boden, S. Perry
24. E. Campbell, G. Woodhouse
22. D. Ratcliffe, S. O'Connor
21. D. Mitchell, G. Keith
20. T. McCall
19. M. Tolson, J. Watson
18. C. Yankos, J. Yzendoorn
17. R. Hogg, S. Blair, P. Katholos, G. Jen-
nings, T. Greedy
16. A. Westwater, G. Blues, P. Stone
15. K. Murphy
'B' TEAM APPEARANCES
7. T. Henderson, S. Blair, M. O'Shea, J.
Patikas, C. Egan
6. P. Lewis, J. O'Shea, P. Katholos
5. A. Franken, D. Brown, G. Cole
4. R. Miranda, R. Slater
3. T. Selemedis, J. Rizzotto, C. Opatinis
2. O. Crino, J. Oliver
1. A. Robertson, T. McCulloch
YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES
30. J. Patikas
28. F. Incantalupo
23. R. Maier

21. F. Farina, T. McCulloch, R. Stewart
20. R. Vlietstra, P. Raskopoulos
19. R. Jones, R. Brown
18. C. Hummel
17. R. Wheatley, P. Kay
16. S. Blair
14. I. Hunter, D. Wright
SOCCEROO TOP SCORERS:
36. A. Abonyi
29. J. Kosmina
21. R. Baartz, G. Cole
20. P. Ollerton
17. A. Alston, E. Krncevic
13. B. Vojtek
11. B. Buljevic
10. R. Richards, D. Hardin, P. Sharne
"B" SQUAD TOP SCORER:
2. D. Brown
YOUTH SQUAD TOP SCORERS
16. D. Lowe
14. R. Brown
9. E. Krncevic, F. Farina
dinnick, D. Wright
FULL INTERNATIONALS:

58. A. Abonyi
53. J. Rooney
49. M. Schaefer, R. Baartz
43. J. Warren
39. A. Alston
38. J. Kosmina
34. D. Ujesenovic
32. R. Richards
31. B. Vojtek, J. Mackay
30. P. Ollerton, M. Barnes, G. Byrne
29. C. Bennett
28. R. Corry, S. Ackerley
27. T. Henderson
26. G. Harris
23. J. Watkiss
22. J. Nyskohus, B. Buljevic, C. Curran, A.
Maher, P. Sharne
21. A. Davidson
20. J. Tansey, D. Harding
FULL INTERNATIONAL GOALS
25. A. Abonyi
18. R. Baartz
16. G. Cole, J. Kosmina
13. P. Ollerton
8. B. Vojtek, T. McCall
7. A. Alston, B. Buljevic
6. J. Warren, D. Mitchell
5. R. Richards, J. MacKay, M. Barnes, P.

New Guinea rich in natural talent

Recently I had the
pleasure of visiting
Papua New Guinea,
in my capacity as a
F.I.F.A. instructor in
the Oceania region,
to conduct an Inter-
mediate Coaching
Course.



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

The course was con-
ducted at the National
Sports Institute at Goroka,
in the PNG highlands.

The course was set up
through the PNG govern-
ment with the help of one
of the major banks in the
country.

There were 22 candidates on
the course and they came from
all parts of PNG including a
number of the off-shore is-
lands.

The technique of the young-
er PNG player is good and I'm
sure it's developed from the
massive participations in
sport in the country.

But it is necessary for their
coaches to learn more on the
principles of the game so they
can improve these techniques
as the players get older.

The Sports Institute, while
not as grand as the Australian
Institute of Sport, is per-
forming miracles in sport de-
velopment and currently
caters for nine sports.

Every evening, the sports
fields were descended upon by
hundreds of young people who
proceeded to indulge in a great
variety of sports just for fun.

The course was very suc-
cessful and the visit was pro-
ductive, interesting and made
very enjoyable by some won-
derful people.

The excitement of the
recent international series has
overshadowed an event which
went almost unnoticed and
that is the National Youth
Championship.

A very fine tournament was
organised in Canberra in May
with eight states contesting
the competitions.

The final was a repeat of the
1983 final with Victoria repea-
ting its win over South Aus-
tralia.

The win was a triumph for
some talented young players
who have come through the
junior ranks and benefited
very much from the help they
received from a number of
people on the way.

It was a superb team per-
formance but I should mention
the contribution by Warren
Spink who scored seven goals
in four games! He is certainly
a player for the future and I'm
sure he will don the green and
gold in the 1985 World Youth
Cup.

The team was superbly led
by captain John Gabrielson
and with big Aki Kotzami-
chalis made up a fearsome
central defensive duo.

Alan Roodhouse gave his
usual faultless displays and
John Kanesoulis showed the
benefit of his National League
experience. Keep your eye on
Steve Tasios who had a particu-
larly good week.

I had John Gardiner as my
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Fraternity that goes with all golden oldie events.

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ANASTASI QUILTS BANKSTOWN

Tony Anastasi quit as coach of bottom side Bankstown National last week, claiming he had been put under intense pressure over team selection in recent games.

Meanwhile, fellow struggler Warringah Narabeen adopted a vastly different approach to its troubles. It offered coach John Wignall a three year contract!

Manly continued its recent slump with another dismal performance at Cromer Park. After leading for most of the match and looking a comfortable winner, Manly conceded a late equaliser against Ku-Ring-Gai and now looks troubled despite having a game in hand against Warringah.

Five points from its last five outings was just not enough to keep Manly at the top. Manly faces possibly its most vital games of the season this weekend. It plays Polonia on Saturday at Chopin Park, then Warringah at Narabeen on Sunday. Should Manly collect all four points it is bound to take top spot, on goal average at least. But for how long?

Auburn suffered its first defeat in 13 matches last Saturday and dropped out of the top four while Rockdale Ilinden took the lead. Rockdale

has now gone nine games without defeat and is looking strong and capable of taking out the premiership. Its star player, Ross Brown, added to his tally by scoring the only goal of the match which sunk Auburn at Hurstville.

Sutherland moved back into calculations with a hard-fought victory at Knight Park, but Avala was far from disgraced. In fact, the sides were locked at 1-1 with seconds remaining when Sutherland scored its winning goal. Avala, with draws against Manly and Auburn in previous weeks looked set to take yet another point from one of the top teams when Sutherland's Brian Gray came in to spoil Avala's plans.

At Queanbeyan, Inter Monaro broke its sequence of poor results by defeating Polonia, while Bankstown had good reason to rue the loss of a point against Warringah. With 20 seconds of the game remaining and Bankstown leading by a goal in came David Jack to beat Lohman.

Arlington Oval was a scene

of despair for Canterbury which slumped to a 4-0 defeat at the hands of Yugal. It was a bitter day for the Berries as Yugal romped away to a 3-0 lead during the first half, then with seconds remaining, Glen Laws was sent off to reduce the home side to 10 men.

Canterbury came back strongly after the interval but could not stop Yugal adding a fourth goal close to the end.

The recent coaching change at Yugal, with Volar now at the helm, seems to have worked wonders for the "dark blues" and the arrival of Tommy Mihajlovic at the end of the month could further improve their chances of staying in State League.

Rockdale 1 Auburn 0

Scorer: R. Brown 71st.
Venue: Hurstville Oval.

Rockdale Ilinden confirmed its intention to stay at the top of the table after a narrow but satisfying victory over Auburn.

A goal by Ross Brown with only 19 minutes of the match left, separated the sides.

In a scrappy first 45 minutes neither team showed enough ability to penetrate and score.

Rockdale's Nasteviski made his presence felt with a tremendous shot from the edge of the penalty box midway through the first period only to see his shot rebound off the post, while Benales had a slim chance to penetrate a few minutes later, but his finishing was poor.

From the opening bell of the second period it was a different affair with Stephen Knight making what looked like a vital break for Auburn.

After intercepting a Rockdale pass he surged towards goal, beating a couple of defenders on the way, to confront Kotzohambos. But his shot went wide and so did the best chance Auburn was to have in this match.

Ken Slavski made room before pushing the ball to Yousseph who in turn found Trajanovski in the 52nd minute for Ilinden. It was a decent opening for the home team but a



Ku-Ring-Gai, at present lying seventh on the State League ladder. Back row: N. Williamson, T. Jesse, C. Bass, A. Prentice, A. Harper, G. Jeffrey, T. Bertram. Front row: D. Bennett, C. Quigley, A. Tracey, A. Bourke.

fine save by Rosano kept the scoreline blank.

Trajanovski had another chance in the 59th after Rosano failed to hold the ball and it fell straight at the feet of an Ilinden forward. However, his shot rebounded off another Ilinden player and went over the bar with Rosano stranded.

Tony O'Shana had a fair opportunity in the 61st but his shot from a goalmouth scrimmage was cleared off the line. Then came the only goal of the match in the 71st. Following a free kick from the edge of the penalty area by Traja-

Neale, did not have as much luck in this match. He was injured and had to receive some stitches. At the other end Prentice was kicked while in possession of the ball.

Some frantic action in the last 20 minutes could have given both points to either side with Manly holding a slight edge. In fact Lynch and Leak missed in the last five minutes both shooting wide from favourable situations.

Manly's supremo, Richard Alagich is "at war" with his players and they'll be under intense pressure for this weekend's games against Polonia



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

and Warringah. The absence of Mark Holloway hasn't helped things at Manly.

Bankstown 1 Warringah 1

Scorer: Agostino 46th, Jack 90th.
Venue: Potts Park.

The resignation of Tony Anastasi did little to dampen the enthusiasm of most of the Bankstown players who came out against Warringah "breathing fire" and threatening to swamp its relegation rival.

In fact, Bankstown looked the better side for most of this match and had the chances to go with it but only once did the side manage to make a controlled move which resulted in a fine goal. The game had hardly restarted in the second half when Kennedy switched play to find Gene whose quick pass found Roy Agostino who shot past Dean to give Bankstown the lead.

Narabeen replied through David Jack with only 30 seconds remaining. His shot from 30 metres rocketed past Lohman to give Narabeen yet another reason to smile.

Bankstown's plight might be lessened in the next few weeks as Narabeen will have to meet Manly twice, then Avala, Auburn and Sutherland. On present form one would tend to give Warringah little hope in the next few games, but I wouldn't be surprised if Narabeen surprises at least one of those four foes.

Avala 1 Sutherland 2

Scorer: Webber 19th, Rodriguez 61st, Gray 90th.
Venue: Knight Park.

Avala came so close to taking yet another point from a leading State League club. After pinching a point from Manly then Auburn, Avala looked set to take yet another, this time against Sutherland.

The sides were locked at 1-1 and only seconds remained as the ball was floated by Craig Rogers into the penalty area. Craig Mackenzie's valiant effort to get the ball failed and Brian Gray came from behind to head it past Thurlow.

For Sutherland, so much out of luck in front of goal for the first part of the season, things seem to fall in place now as the second half of the season develops. Four wins and four draws in its last eight games has put the side back into the top four and it is almost odd to see it stay there.

Jimmy Webber, for many weeks out of this side, is warming up to his end-of-season games. His 18th minute goal gave Sutherland the edge. Lohm Rodriguez equalised on the stroke of the hour but it

State League Ladder

ROCKDALE ILINDEN.....	9	4	2	29-14	22
INTER MONARO.....	8	5	2	46-22	21
MANLY WARRINGAH.....	7	6	1	27-9	20
SUTHERLAND.....	7	5	3	24-13	19
Auburn-Uruguay.....	6	6	3	14-12	18
Canterbury.....	5	5	5	16-25	15
Ku-Ring-Gai.....	4	6	5	20-25	14
Polonia.....	3	5	7	16-22	11
Avala.....	3	5	7	22-33	11
Yugal.....	2	5	8	18-23	9
Warr Narabeen.....	3	3	8	16-28	9
Bankstown.....	2	5	8	13-32	9

Top Scorers

12 — Ross Brown (Rockdale)
11 — Walter Valeri (Monaro)

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Chopin Park: POLONIA V. MANLY; Narabeen WARRINGAH V. INTER.

Sunday: Parklands: KU-RING-GAI V. AVALA; Seymour Shaw: SUTHERLAND V. AUBURN; Narabeen WARRINGAH V. MANLY; Fraser Park: YUGAL V. BANKSTOWN; Arlington: CANTERBURY V. ROCKDALE.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (R. Brown 71st) AUBURN URUGAY 0 at Hurstville Oval.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 7 — Pilevski 7, Degney 8, J. Wilson 7, D. Wilson 7 — Yousseph 6 (Trajanovski 58th), Nasteviski 7, Slavski 8, Jones 7 — Brown 7 (Karafilovski 80th), Trajanovski 7. AUBURN URUGAY: Rosano 6 — Parfitt 6, Watt 7, Planinic 7, Geekie 7 — McDermid 6, Carney 7, Akoutas 8, Knight 7 — Benales 5, O'Shana 5.

MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Jones 28th) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Williamson 63rd) at Cromer Park.

MANLY: Cassettari 7 — Pagano 7, J. Dick 7, Doyle 4, A. Williamson 6 (76th Pansel) — Jones 8 (Etherington 45th — 6), Steven 7, McBreen 7 — Leak 8 — Lynch 6, Stuart 6.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice 7 — Bennett 6, Bertram 6, Watson 8, Jesse 7 — Quigley (Harper 20th — 6), Bourke 7, Tracey 8, Dene 5 (N. Williamson 55th — 8) — Jeffrey 6, Bass 6.

BANKSTOWN 1 (Agostino 46th) WARRINGAH NARABEEN 1 (Jack 90th) at Potts Park.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman 8 — Kennedy 7, Coates 8, Blackburn 8, Agostino 7 — Parker 7, Merbani 6, Gene 6 — El Hossaini 5 (Hammond 65th), Hassan 5 (Siret 70th), Apenian 5.

NARABEEN: P. Dean 7, Sarge 6, Garrett 7 (Rylands), Collinge 7, Earl 7 — Griffin 7, Jack 8, Rimmer 7 — McLean 7, Bullock 6, A. Dean 5.

AVALA 1 (Rodriguez 61st) SUTHERLAND 2 (Webber 19th, Gray 90th) at Knight Park.

AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Lucchessi 6 (D. Mackenzie 55th — 7), Budini 7, C Mackenzie 7, Da Silva 8 — Duvnjak 8, Williams 7, Kodor 6 — Harris 6, Rodriguez 6, Milin 5 (Bratkovic 72nd).

SUTHERLAND: Dart 7 — Hesford 7, Schumann 7, Dalfrino 7, Nelson 7 — Webber 8, Rogers 7, Terry 6, Groomer 6 — Gray 6, Hargraves 6.

YUGAL 4 (Jasic 16th, 40th, Clarke 36th, 74th) CANTERBURY 0 at Arlington Oval.

YUGAL: Berry 7 — Marco 8, Forester 8, Clarke 8, Gibson 7 — Pahor 7 (Urakovski 75th), Jasic 8, Zivkovic 8 — Rodas 8, Tharnides 7, Tanovski 8. CANTERBURY: Konistis 5 — Antonopoulos 6, Eftimides 6 (Pier-natis 45th — 6), Laws 6 (send off 45th), Miodovic 7 — Hantzis 6 (Hall 45th — 7), Vassiliou 6, Anagnostopoulos 6 — Petas 5, Dounis 5, Andreou 5.

was little consolation to Avala as Da Silva failed to stop Rogers from delivering that vital cross in the last minute.

Yugal 4 Canterbury 0

Scorer: Jasic 16th, 40th, Clarke 36th, 74th.
Venue: Arlington Oval.

Before this match most would have suggested that Yugal was doomed and that Canterbury should win and well to keep in touch with the top four. A draw would have been a surprise, while a win by Yugal was not even considered.

I certainly didn't even anticipate that my old outfit had a chance of beating Canterbury, certainly not by four goals.

Zvonko Volar, the ex-Yugal winger and its new coach, had many reasons to smile. In only his second game as a coach he saw his side take Canterbury apart and had Yugal players taken their chances then

Canterbury would have suffered its heaviest defeat in the league to date.

Patrick Rodas provided Radovan Jasic with an opening after 15 minutes and following a good header Lucky Konistis was beaten for the first time.

With some 10 minutes to go to half time Jasic was Chris Tharnides who provided the spade work for John Clarke to make it 2-0.

Only four minutes later Yugal celebrated again and Radovan Jasic was the scorer. In the dying stages of the first half Yugal looked set to score again but for some tough tackling by Glen Laws. The unfortunate Canterbury stopper was sent off to add further worries to coach Johnny Xipolitis' mounting problems.

Despite being reduced to 10 players, Canterbury came out fighting and contained Yugal for the most part, but failed to stop John Clarke adding to his first half goal to give Yugal its fourth. Chances also fell to Tharnides. Zivkovic and Rodas during this period but in the end Yugal was happy with its second victory and its biggest this year.



Ku-Ring-Gai's Neale Williamson. In only his third first grade game, he scored his team's equaliser against Manly last weekend.

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Polonia 1 Fawknar 1

Scorers: Bannon 25th (F), Milton penalty 85th (P).
Venue: Raleigh Reserve.

There is absolutely no doubt about it, the man of this match was referee Andy Frangou. How else can you describe the efforts of an official who took only 15 minutes to turn what was probably the most important match of the State League season into a knockabout farce?

Buffalo State League Ladder	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
POLONIA.....	9	5	1	36	17	23
MORWELL F.....	9	5	1	27	8	23
FAWKNER.....	10	3	2	37	20	23
BOX HILL.....	8	6	1	27	14	22
West. Suburbs.....	6	4	5	28	28	16
Croydon.....	7	1	7	17	20	15
Albion Rovers.....	5	5	6	13	18	15
Northcote.....	6	1	8	29	25	13
Frank Pines.....	4	5	6	16	21	13
Knox City.....	4	4	7	21	32	12
R. Wilhelmina.....	2	6	7	19	26	10
St. Alb. Dinamo.....	2	6	7	18	27	10
Doveton.....	2	4	9	13	24	8
Broadmeadows.....	3	1	11	10	31	7

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Ross 68th) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Stirton 55th, 58th) at Montezuma Boulevard, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 7 — Wilson 6 (Luca 74th), Thurlow 7, Cumming 6, Beech 5 — Cooke 6 (sent off 64th), Ross 7, Cullen 6, Livingstone 6 — Dick 7, Thomas 6, Coach: Danny McMinimae.
MORWELL FALCONS: Whitehead 6 — O'Callaghan 7, Higgin 6, Bruns 6, Clarke 8 — Caesar (Coady 74th), Moore 6, MacLean 5, Kent 6 (sent off 4th) — Athersych 7, Stirton 7, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Clarke (MF), 2 Dick (Pines), 1 Stirton (MF).

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Robertson 66th) NORTHCOTE 0 at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Cipiti 7 — Galea 6, D'Sylva 6, Gilmore 6, Douglas 7 — Puncelli 6, Reilly 7, Alfonso 6 — Bouzas 7, Spiteri 6, Robertson 6, Coach: Billy McIntyre.
NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 6 — Wilson 7, Bozakis 7, Katsakidis 6, Mihos 6 — Wright 8, Quigley 7, Toro 6 (Patriotis 79th) — Constantinou 6, Miosvski 7, Boaretto 6 (Dionisopoulos 46th, 6), Coach: Jimmy Pyrgos.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Wright (North), 2 Cipiti (Albion), 1 Reilly (Albion).

KNOX CITY 3 (Kojic 29th, Masters 60th, House penalty 82nd) ST ALBANS DINAMO 3 (Morovic 25th, 65th, 75th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 6 — Dixon 7, Bryden 6, Murray 6, Roddis 6 — Wild 6, Smith 6 (inj Gerrish 56th), Lesbirel 6 — Kojic 6, House 7, Masters 8, Coach: Eric Lesbirel.
ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debuljah 7 — Kuzman 7, Bozic 6, Radman 7, Ramjak 7 — Desic 7, Brkicic 7, Culina 6 — Batiniovic 7, Bruno 7, Morovic 6, Coach: Peter Kasilo.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Morovic (SA), 2 Masters (Knox), 1 House (Knox).

BROADMEADOWS 1 (Blair 89th) CROYDON 3 (Irvine 6th, Lucio Saisi 51st, Loughane 73rd) at Laura Douglas Reserve, Saturday.
BROADMEADOWS: Pace (inj Grech 6th, 5) — Donaldson 6, Smart 7, Daniels 6, Ellis 5, Desa 6 — Watson 5, Blair 7 — Stoikos 6, Smicic 6 (Horinkak 65th), Liberto 7, Coach: Jimmy McIntyre.
CROYDON: Kasser 7 — Rainey 7, Kerr 7, Brewerton 7, Brown 8 — Ormond 7, French 7 (Bates 70th), Lucio Saisi 8 — Irvine 7, Griffiths 7 (Killey 70th), Loughane 7, Coach: Colin Hasler.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Lucio Saisi (Cry), 2 Brown (Croy), 1 Blair (Broad).

DOVETON 3 (Lennon 2nd, Edmondson 27th, McLeod 60th) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Radov 8 — Dixey 7, Gadsby 9, Lowe 7, Fitzpatrick 7 — Watson 6, Sutherland (inj Kaiser 10th, 7), Buchanan 8, Edmondson 7 — J. McDonald 8, Lennon 8 (inj McLeod 56th), Coach: Ian Williamson.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hunter 5 — Hamill 6, Dimovski 6, Howe 5, Lekkas 5 — Coule 6, Kakantonis 5, Mussel 5 — Lazopoulos 7, Stenson 5, Filippis 6 (sent off 75th), Coach: Jimmy Condilis.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Gadsby (Dove), 2 Buchanan (Dove), 1 J. McDonald (Dove).

BOX HILL 1 (Smith 60th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Stewart 50th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — I. Roodhouse 7, Brooks 7, Brownlie 7, A. Roodhouse 7 — Priestley 5 (Azopardo 55th, 7), Hennessy 7, Valentini 6, Keegan 7 — Varschla 6, Smith 7, Lucio Saisi 8 — Murray 6, Wondim 7 (Hill 77th), Haupt 7, Verniers 6 (Adams 71st) — Kebede 5, Storm 8, Burton 7 — Warsawski 5, Shannon 7, Stewart 7, Coach: Cor Teeuw.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 McKinlay (Box Hill), 2 Storm (RW), 1 Haupt (RW).

POLONIA 1 (Mitten penalty 85th) FAWKNER 1 (Bannon 25th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Fryzser 4 — Liparski 8, McCluskey 7, Mila 8 (sent off 37th), A. Capnik 6 — Trent 6, Innes 6 (Gregorczyk 77th), Avian 5 (Gardiner H.T.B.), Petrov 7 — Mitten 45, Glider 4, Coach: John Gardiner.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 — McKinlay 5, Cavallari 6, McLeod 7, Hobson (sent off 15) — Boyle (Fattore 26th, 6), Cozzello 6, Bannon 8 — Palinkas 8, Tuffield 7, Angie 7, Coach: Gus McLeod.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Bannon (Fawk), 2 Liparski (Pol), 1 Palinkas (Fawk).

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- Leading votegetters:
18 — Smith (Box Hill)
17 — MacLean (Morw)
14 — I. Roodhouse (Box Hill)
13 — Culina (St. A), Stenson (WS)
12 — Tuffield (Fawk), Bingham (Morw), Mila (Pol), Lazopoulos (WS)
11 — Quigley (North), Buxton (Wilhel)
10 — House (Knox), Moore (Morw)

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13 — Przybyla (Pol)
11 — Smith (Box Hill), Tuffield (Fawk)
10 — Cozzello (Fawk), Moore (Morw)
9 — House (Knox), Coyle (WS)
8 — Mitten (Pol), Morovic (St. A), Lazopoulos (WS)

By LES SHORROCK

That was in the 25th minute, but Fawknar's euphoria was tempered somewhat as Peter Boyle limped off with a corked thigh a minute later.

Despite being a goal up, it seemed that Fawknar must bow to the inevitable, but fate, in the shape of Mr Frangou, decreed otherwise.

In the 37th minute, Stefan Mila tackled Bruno Cozzello, who went down. The whistle blew, and after an interval, out came the red card again. This is Stainless Stefan we are talking about, Rothman's Medal winner of 1983, one of the classiest and fairest players in the game. Mila never had seen a red card before in 24 years of professional football and when he saw his first one, he was so staggered he literally fell backwards onto the ground in astonishment.

That wasn't the full extent of Frangou's disciplinary gestures, by any means. After the Hobson dismissal he also gave Fawknar coach Gus McLeod and assistant coach Billy Milne their marching orders.

Amidst all this hysteria, you won't be surprised to hear that the first half lasted 53 minutes.

After half-time, John Gardiner replaced Claude Avian and with a slight breeze behind it, Polonia started to pile on the pressure.

Suddenly, it was all action in the Fawknar goalmouth, but aided by poor finishing and some desperate goal-line clearances it seemed that Fawknar would survive.

The referee had been reasonably self-effacing during this period, but he took over, centre-stage again when Polonia decided on a change.

Despite the linesman's substitution signal, the referee continued to play on until McCluskey tried to attract his attention. McCluskey's penalty... a yellow card, then Kevin Innes felt the full weight of the ref's wrath for daring to go off to be substituted. Another red card appeared.

Eventually the game got going again, and inevitably, it seemed, Polonia was awarded a penalty when Frank McLeod pushed Carl Glider, who obligingly made a meal of it. It was the best thing Glider did all day. Noel Mitten, who also had been disappointing, tucked the ball well wide of Robert Terzini's despairing dive, and the draw was probably the best.



Fawknar striker Ian Tuffield (right) and Polonia stopper Danny McCluskey in a heading duel at Raleigh Reserve last Sunday. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

end result of a sorry day for soccer.

After the game, Polonia officials had to plead with the referee to hand back Kevin Innes' passport, which for some reason he seemed intent on keeping, and Fawknar officials also had to explain to him that Billy Milne was an official.

and not a naughty player! The ref wanted Milne's passport!

If it hadn't been so serious, it would have been laughable, but someone in charge of refereeing appointments should be castigated severely for inflicting inexperienced officials on important games.

FAWKNER BACK ON TOP?

Fawknar could reclaim top spot in State League after this weekend's round of matches.

Fawknar shouldn't have too much trouble in defeating Knox City while Western Suburbs can surprise Polonia and grab a point from their Ralph Reserve clash.

If Box Hill loses to Morwell Falcons at North Cringian Reserve on Saturday it won't win the championship. If it draws, it'll be clinging onto its title chances by a slender thread.

But if the Hillmen win, and I think they will, they'll find themselves still in the thick of the championship fight, a point behind the top side.

Box Hill likes nothing better than a challenge. And Morwell Falcons coach Jimmy Funne can't wait to turn his players loose on the Hillmen, who beat Falcons earlier this year in a Buffalo Cup semi-final.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"Our boys are really looking forward to this one. We owe them one for that Buffalo Cup semi and this is our chance to get back at them," said Dunne.

Western Suburbs coach Jimmy Condilis was determined that his players would bounce back from last weekend's reversal at the hands of Doveton and make Polonia fight every inch of the way. And I'm expecting a tremendous struggle here.

Albion Rovers just keep picking up points. Rovers

SATURDAY
ALBION ROVERS v Broadmeadows at Selwyn Park, 3 pm.
MORWELL FALCONS v BOX HILL at North Cringian Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
CROYDON v Frankston Pines at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

recent efforts have made me a believer, so much so that I'm tipping them to beat battling Broadmeadows at Selwyn Park on Saturday.

Ringwood Wilhelmina v DOVETON at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.

Western Suburbs v Polonia (draw) at Ralph Reserve, 3 pm.

FAWKNER v Knox City at Smith Reserve, 3 pm.
Northcote v St Albans Dinamo (draw) at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

4-goal thriller at North Dandenong

NORTH DANDENONG 2 (Gillan 13th, D. Nelson 40th) UNAWADING CITY 2 (Coates o.g. 44th, McCarthy 80th) at Lois Twigh Reserve, Saturday.

N. DANDENONG: Edwards, Coates, Oculowicz, Wainwright, McCombe, Davidson, R. Nelson, Taylor (Collyer 85th), Gillan, D. Nelson.
UNAWADING CITY: Fansham, Greenwald, Nellis, Furzer, Deano, Sullivan, (New Edmund 69th), Baker, Nyholt, Mullett (McCarthy 70th), Akdenis, West.

Nunawading City staged a courageous fightback to share the points in a four-goal thriller.

Nunawading made an encouraging start when Mullett and Nyholt had shots blocked and then Nyholt was released by a great through ball by Mullett only to see Edwards save his shot at the foot of the post. Almost immediately North took the lead when Dave Nelson's header appeared to have been gathered in the top corner by Fansham who unfortunately collided with the post and dropped the ball. Gillan pounced on the ball before the

defence could recover and scored.

In the 40th minute Dave Nelson scored the best goal of the match when he met a ball from the right on the volley and gave Fansham no chance with a scorching shot.

Nuna clawed its way back into the game just before the break when West scooped the ball across the face of goal and under extreme pressure from Sullivan, Coates slid the ball into his own net.

Shortly after the interval there was a tremendous scramble in the Nunawading goalmouth as forwards and defenders lunged for a ball that kept sticking in the mud.

Gillan and O'Halloran went close at the other end and Fansham made a great save to fail McCombe after a free kick had been flicked on by Gillan.

Nuna made two substitutions as they strove for the equaliser and the moves paid off in the 80th minute when one sub, Van Edmond, was released by a long cross field ball by West. His cross was not cleared by the defence and the other sub, McCarthy, nipped in to drive the ball past Edwards.

SUPERB GOAL BY LUCIO SAISI

Broadmeadows 1 Croydon 3

Scorers: Blair 89th (B), Irvine 6th, Lucio Saisi 51st, Loughane 73rd (C).
Venue: Laura Douglas Reserve.

Croydon City kept its top four hopes alive with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Broadmeadows.

City's normal smooth-passing game was often blown off course by a gale-force wind which proved to be a great leveller in the first half. But Croydon demonstrated more

imagination and skill than the home side and with the wind behind it in the second half, City took full command.

Steve Irvine notched up Croydon's first goal, controlling an awkward bouncing clearance from Dave Griffiths then steering the ball between Nigel Daniels and Orlando Desa.

Dennis Pace hesitated momentarily, which was his undoing, and Irvine tapped into an empty net.

Renato Liberto in reply smacked the post for Broadmeadows, but the home side could not make headway

By JOHN WALLACE

against Rainey, Kerr, Brown, Brewerton and French.

Long shots only turned Lou Kastner into a ball boy as he ended up collecting balls blown away by the wind.

After the break, Con Stokos was unlucky with a clear shot at goal after he had caught City's backline off guard, but Mark Brown, sensing the danger, nipped back smartly to head off the line. Then came Lucio Saisi's piece de resistance.

He collected a pass on the left from Brown, raced towards the byline, cut inside Grant Smart then whacked a left footer from the narrowest of angles into the far corner of the bar.

Minutes later, Saisi, being urged forward by French, let fly a right footer from 20 metres and watched in dismay as his shot, caught in the strong breeze, ricocheted off the bar.

Ian Loughane sealed Croydon's victory by drilling a low, hard shot through a crowd of defenders that gave substitute goalie Lino Grech no chance. Just before the final whistle Stuart Blair, through sheer effort, scored a consolation goal for Broadmeadows.

A fairly exciting game, but skills were kept to a minimum — the high wind being the telling factor.

Ian Marshall, Croydon's reserve defender, leaves for Scotland this weekend and while on holiday hopes to continue to train at Tanadue Park, the home of Dundee United, thanks go to ex-George Cross coach, Tommy Traynor.

SELECTIONS

DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Altam City v MELBOURNE Ball Park v New United; SPRINGVALE CITY v Thomastown; UNAWADING CITY v Werribee; SUNSHINE v Moorabbin.
Sunday: ALTEA CITY v Doncaster Reserve; RICHMOND v NORTH DANDENONG.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Castrol City v Etihad (draw); Dandenong City v Colong United; NORTH GEE LONG v Heidelberg Rovers; SANJUNGUAM v Heidelberg; Werribee City v Moningrove (draw); SUNSHINE UNITED v Pakenham; STH MELB MORGAN v Sth Oakleigh.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: ROYAL RICHMOND v Andover; PIRARUA v Brighton; HANLYN RANGERS v Yallourn; Moorabbin v RUSSELL; MODRABIAN CITY v Eerie; KARINGALL v Essendon City; PORT MELBOURNE v Geelong.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Border v CLIFTON HILL, EAST BRUNSWICK v Girrawah; HOLLAND PARK v Hawthorn; YARRAVILLE v Kyneton; SPRINGVALE UNITED v Farnham Daily v Rossmore; LANGWARRIN, LAUDER UNITED v Rossmore.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: CLARINDA v Chelsea; BALLARAT v Clayton; ROBINIA v Newklands; MONASH UN v West Brunswick; CALTON v Central City; WEST GEELONG v Malton.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: CLARINDA v Chelsea; BALLARAT v Clayton; ROBINIA v Newklands; MONASH UN v West Brunswick; CALTON v Central City; WEST GEELONG v Malton.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Emerald v Eagles United; WEST UNITED v Hume United; VERBUNT v Narbonne; RMIT v Old Scotch College; Phillip Institute v STP SPRINGVALE.

DIVISION ONE
Saturday: MELBOURNE United v Latrobe; YARRA UNITED v Case Richmond.

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Former Hakoah and Frankston City player Chris Velli, now with Metro Second Division leader Mornington, surges forward against Ringwood United last Saturday. Mornington won 1-0. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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REGIONS									
West Melbourne	8	1	8	26	33	17			
Ruswood United	6	3	8	23	32	15			
Melbourne City	4	5	8	23	32	15			
Diamond Valley	5	4	8	18	35	14			
Brunswick City	4	5	8	26	34	13			
Port United	5	3	9	20	33	13			
Lynvale Utd.	4	5	11	21	31	13			
Clairinda-Kooragang	3	4	10	24	35	10			
RESERVES									
Dallas City	5	2	1	45	12	29			
Geelong	14	1	2	83	13	29			
Mossfield	10	5	2	50	16	25			
Burwood City	9	2	6	30	22	20			
Mitcham	7	5	5	38	28	19			
Lynvale Utd.	7	5	6	24	25	17			
Geelong	4	5	6	24	25	17			
Nth Sunshine	7	2	8	27	30	16			
Diamond Valley	5	4	8	26	33	14			
Hampson Wanderers	6	2	5	21	30	15			
Clairinda-Kooragang	5	2	10	22	28	12			
West Melbourne	1	2	13	18	48	4			
Port United	5	0	17	6	75	0			
DIVISION FOUR									
Westall	9	2	3	29	21	20			
Mosburn	7	4	2	28	12	18			
Asciat Vale City	6	4	3	27	15	16			
Sth Kilda	6	4	3	26	18	15			
Sth Parkmore	4	6	4	27	18	14			
Mulgavee	3	5	3	22	20	12			
Mulgavee	3	5	3	22	20	12			
Batman United	4	4	5	13	17	12			
Richmond Utd.	5	1	6	21	23	11			
Epping Utd.	5	2	5	16	21	11			
Carrum Utd.	2	1	11	18	37	5			
RESERVES									
Mosburn	10	3	0	50	13	23			
Westall	10	3	0	31	18	21			
Batman United	8	4	1	38	19	20			
Richmond Utd.	6	4	2	25	23	14			
Mulden City	5	5	5	28	13	13			
Asciat Vale City	1	6	20	21	13				
Epping Thistle	3	7	19	24	9				
Asciat Vale City	3	7	19	24	9				
Sth Kilda	2	3	8	23	40	8			
Carrum Utd.	2	3	9	11	27	7			
Parkmore	1	8	8	28	5				
AMATEUR LEAGUE									
DIVISION ONE									
Waverley Utd.	9	0	2	32	12	18			
Robur City	7	1	3	22	15	16			
Chadstone	7	1	3	24	12	15			
Meadow Park	6	3	2	21	18	15			
Mulden City	6	3	2	21	18	15			
Maccabi	6	4	4	19	16	13			
Asciat Sth Marks	5	5	5	22	26	11			
Melbourne Uni.	4	1	6	24	22	9			
Maccabi Sth Marks	4	1	6	24	22	9			
Nth Melbourne	3	5	5	19	21	8			
Endeavour Hills	2	0	9	28	36				

		Ft. Gully "B"		3	0	3	21	10	5	UNDER 15	
		Salinas Coll.		3	0	2	11	5	6	SUPER LEAGUE	
		Waverly City "B"		0	0	3	13	14	6	Melo Croatia	
		Bellevue		0	5	5	30	0	0	Sanborn G.A.	
		NORTH-WEST		0	0	0	0	0	0	St. Albans	
		Nth Denlong		8	1	29	13	16	8	Knox City "A"	
		Buller		5	2	18	8	12	4	Clayton	
		Altone City		4	0	12	16	11	7	Mordale	
		Laird Ltd.		3	4	2	10	13	10	Peaton	
		Altone City		3	4	2	13	10	10	Dunlop	
		Sunshine Hts.		4	0	6	20	23	8	Preston	
		NORTH-WEST "B"		0	0	0	0	0	0	Knox City "A"	
		Ardeer		8	1	0	24	8	17	Preston	
		Scottish Mead.		1	0	1	18	21	8	Doncaster "A"	
		West United		5	1	6	26	20	11	Ness City	
		B.U. Juniors		4	2	3	25	15	10	Box Hill	
		East Allon		5	0	1	15	10	9	Methil City	
		Nth Reservoir		3	1	5	10	17	8	Clarendon	
		Thornhill		2	1	2	12	21	4	Lyndale	
		Pharos		1	1	7	30	3	3	Sth Springvale	
		NORTH-WEST "C"		0	0	0	0	0	0	Kilmarock	
		Broadnades		2	0	2	18	7	13	Barwick	
		Yarrowdale		5	2	1	19	7	13	Waverley City	
		Altone City		4	2	3	25	15	10	Methil City	
		Altone City		4	2	3	25	15	10	Lyndale	
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		Pharos		1	1	7	30	3	3	Methil City	
		NORTH-WEST "C"		0	0	0	0	0	0	Lyndale	
		Broadnades		2	0	2	18	7	13	Sth Springvale	
		Yarrowdale		5	2	1	19	7	13	Kilmarock	
		Altone City		4	2	3	25	15	10	Barwick	

Hat-trick heroes

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Clubs are asked to put together a list of all their boys who score hat-tricks, so the certificates can be sent in the one envelope to save time.

This week's hat-trick heroes:
C. Paton (Clayton); Paul DeBono, four goals, Alex Koundouri, Harry Charalambous, George Zacharias, four goals, Debbie DeLaBasc, Jason Dingley (Sunshine Heights); John Ortu, 10 (Nunawading United); Simon

We need the following information:

- 1 Name of the boy, and his age
- 2 The team for which he plays
- 3 The team against which he scored the goals
- 4 The date of the game.

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Phillip, Andrew Sell, four goals (YMCA). G. Klaric, 12 (Fawkner). Avram Babovic, Damien Franken, Craig Howard, Derek Warby (Croydon City). Craig Lewis, Brad Langford, Adrian Mack, four goals. Steven Spencer, Darren Dodd, Nicholas Bray (Frankston Pines). Peter Tiktakis, five goals (Yarravil-

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		EASTERN "B"					
DIVISION ONE Para Hills 3 Woodville		Midgley "A"	6	1	21	11	14
Adelaide 1		Ski Springfield	6	2	24	17	13
Elizabeth 1, Azurri 2 Pt Adelaide 6, W		East Richmond	5	0	14	10	10
Adelaide 0 Salisbury 3, Campbelltown 5		Seaford "A"	5	0	18	10	10
Adelaide C		Seaford "B"	5	0	18	10	10
DIVISION TWO Westfield 1 Cumber-		North Adelaide	3	2	16	10	7
land 3, Lion Ground 2, Murrumbidgee 1,		North Brighton	3	2	16	10	7
Brighton 3 City 3 Enfield V 2, Neerungane U		Ski Oakleigh	3	1	15	10	7
Adelaide 2, Whyalta 1, Atholstone B d		Seaford "A"	3	1	15	10	7
Blackwood 4 Seaford 2		Ferraro Gulf 2	2	5	11	13	6
TASMANIA NORTH Burnie 0 Ulver-		EASTERN "C"					
ton 2, Launceston U 0, George Tn 1		Ski Dandenong	6	0	22	13	12
Launceston 2 Devonport 1		Devonport "A"	6	1	17	12	12
DIVISION ONE Raveneswood R 0 St		Mitcham	3	2	15	9	8
Leonards 1, Weston 5 5 White Eagles 0,		Dandenong City 3	3	3	18	13	8
Moric 0 Olympic 2		Traralgon "A"	3	1	15	9	8
DIVISION TWO New South Wales		Cauffield "A"	3	1	14	13	7
DIVISION ONE Rockdale 1 Auburn 0		Box Hill "A"	1	3	2	7	6
DIVISION TWO Belmore 1d Artarmon		So-Vale City "A"	5	5	14	17	5
0, Westmore 0 Wollongong 0		Croydon	5	5	35	6	6
DIVISION THREE Kingsford 3 North		EASTERN "D"					
Ryde 1, Pt Hacking 3 CSI 2, Bondi 1d		Port United	6	0	1	31	4
Temelary 3		Devonport "B"	5	1	23	9	9
WEST AUSTRALIA		Waverley City "B"	3	0	14	11	6
STATE LEAGUE Osborne Ph 0 West		Waverley City "A"	3	0	14	11	6
Perth 3, Kwinana N 0 North Beach 0, Ath-		Clayton "B"	2	2	3	17	6
erton 2, Inglewood 1, Essendon 0, E		Riverland City 2	4	2	10	16	5
Fremantle 3 Kingsway 2		Geelong "A"	3	1	10	16	5
DIVISION TWO Balga 5 Swan Crac 0,		Doncaster "B"	1	0	6	26	2
Forrest 2 Mosley 1, Melville 4 Wand-		CENTRAL-PENINSULA "A"					
erloo 1, Swan Hill 1, Albany 1, Bussel-		Barricook	7	1	1	32	15
den 2, Kalbarri 1, Balclutha 1 Bussel-		Morrison	7	1	1	32	15
den 2, Kalbarri 1, Balclutha 1 Bussel-		Karingal "A"	7	0	20	30	10





SOCCER ACTION Club close-up

RINGWOOD UNITED



• The Victorians in Australia's squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany, from left: Jack Relly, Jimmy Milisavljevic, Jimmy McKay, Peter Ollerton, Branko Buljevic, John Barclay (team manager).

On the way up under Ken Kontra

Victorian Second Division club Ringwood United Serbia, has improved remarkably since appointing former Victorian coaching director Ken Kontra.

Ringwood's best-known players are Jimmy Milisavljevic, who was in Australia's 1974 World Cup squad; Peter Vaughan who played for Mooroolbark, Juventus and SM-Hellas and Alex Nelson, who played for Heidelberg-Alexander and Juventus.

The team, back row (left to right) Ken Kontra (coach) Lubisa Bosancic Peter Vaughan, Orham Demir, Mick Sedlarevic, Billy Ross, Alex Nelson, Rudy Dressler, Jim Cox, Ljubic Stojanovic, J. Muser (secretary).

Front row: Mickey Djuric, Tony Gillmore, Derek Bailey, Jimmy Milisavljevic, Slav Milanoic, Paul Jevtovic, Mark Bunce, Milan Bjelogrljic.



• Ringwood United president Branko Jevtovic and his daughter-in-law Buba. Buba's father is president of South Australian club Belgrade.

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Gli arbitri rischiano di rovinare il calcio

La Juventus di Melbourne avrebbe dovuto tornare da Adelaide con due meriti punti dopo l'incontro con il West Adelaide Hellas; e' tornata invece con un solo punto ma con il morale rinfrancato e con il futuro molto piu' roseo di quello che sembrava alcune settimane fa.

Tutti gli osservatori della partita sono unanimi nella loro condanna dell'arbitraggio di Rossis che da solo ha derubato i bianconeri di una vittoria sacrosanta inventando un rigore a 12 minuti dalla fine. La decisione appare ancora piu' ridicola se si pensa che il centravanti ellenico Malasomma era caduto da solo cercando di passare fra due difensori juventini...

quando la palla si trovava in ben altra zona del campo. A questo si aggiunge il fatto che Cullen e Zinni hanno subito falli in area mentre in possesso della palla, senza che il signor Rossis rilevasse la massima punizione. E la lista degli ammoniti sembra sia troppo lunga per una partita che non e' stata certo ne' cattiva ne' allo spasimo.

Pero' l'arbitro di Adelaide, per incompetente che possa essere, appare di gran lunga migliore di quello mandato ad arbitrare l'incontro fra le due capoliste della Lega Statale del Victoria, il signor Frangou.

L'uomo in nero della partita piu' inventiva del suo collega di Adelaide: oltre ad un rigore a sfavore del Fawknar, ha "inventato" un fallo da espulsione per il terzino azzurro

Hobson, ha espulso il portacolori per un fallo che tutto al piu' meritava un'ammonizione, se si e' messo a litigare con il segnalibro, ha espulso l'allenatore McLeod del Fawknar ed il suo assistente Milne!

In tutta questa marcia di incompetenza c'e' solo da rallegrarsi che le invasioni del campo non sono all'ordine del giorno. Forse pero' i tafferugli non succedono piu' perche' ormai il pubblico ha capito che e' inutile prendersela con qualcosa che ormai sta diventando purtroppo, la regola invece che l'eccezione.

Criticare gli arbitri nel calcio australiano e' come volersi lamentare della pioggia o del vento: sembra proprio che bisogna accettare l'inevitabilita' della situazione e sperare che i danni siano limitati o divisi equamente fra le due squadre, aggrappandosi alla saggezza popolare del detto "Mal comune, mezzo gaudio".

Pero' e' sconcertante che i responsabili del calcio in Australia non abbiano ancora capito che e' anche l'arbitraggio molto mediocre (e a volte scandaloso) a far perdere spettatori, a far perdere a molti giocatori promettenti la voglia di giocare, a far perdere a molti dirigenti la voglia di

continuare a fare sacrifici personali per mandare avanti la baracca.

Se lo hanno capito (ed e' ovvio anche alle pietre della strada), perche' si rifugiano continuamente dietro il palliativo che e' ormai diventato un ritornello "non riusciamo ad attirare abbastanza elementi da cui poter effettuare una selezione qualitativa"?

Suggerimenti se ne possono sempre fare, ma il piu' delle volte non vengono presi in considerazione. E alla fin dei conti i tanti soloni del calcio australiano dovrebbero essere capaci da soli di trovare qualche soluzione a quello che e' sicuramente il problema maggiore del calcio locale.

Se si vuole progredire non basta importare giocatori, far venire squadroni a livello mondiale, portare allenatori dall'estero, prendersi cura di migliaia e migliaia di ragazzi delle squadre giovanili: bisogna anche avere una classe arbitrale capace di fare il suo importantissimo lavoro. Ed una classe arbitrale degna di tale nome oggi in Australia non esiste! Qualcosa bisogna fare al massimo livello!

A livello degli spettatori, non possiamo che raccomandare ancora una volta di mantenere la calma anche in casi estremi perche' il peggior arbitraggio del mondo non giustifica le ripercussioni negative che scaturiscono da invasioni di campo.

Tornando alla Juventus, la sua condotta di gara contro il West Adelaide e' stata piu' che incoraggiante. Finalmente

Margaritis ha potuto schiarire Dowie a centrocampo dopo il recupero di Drinocky che ormai sembra avviato a ritrovare la sua forma migliore.

Con Rogers ancora in gran forma nella posizione di libero, la difesa bianconera non ha sentito la mancanza di Dowie mentre la manovra a centrocampo ha beneficiato dal "ritorno" di Dowie. A sua volta, il miglioramento della situazione a centrocampo ha permesso un aumento delle azioni da reti dalle quali sono scaturite due segnatura.

La situazione dovrebbe migliorare ulteriormente con il passare delle settimane. Venderi e' atteso a Melbourne il difensore Brian Brown dalla Scozia. Brown, che ha 25 anni, arriva con ottime credenziali come difensore centrale (anche Rogers potrebbe essere spostato in avanti?), pero' sul suo imiego come "guest player" sembra ci siano ancora dei dubbi a causa della confusione esistente nei regolamenti della federazione. C'e' da augurarsi che tutto sia chiarito e che il giocatore possa fare il suo esordio in bianconero domenica prossima.

Altra buona notizia per la Juventus e' che Miranda ha ricominciato gli allenamenti e potrebbe essere disponibile fra due o tre settimane. Purtroppo i rinforzi ed i rientri non arrivano nelle posizioni desiderate, ma Margaritis e' convinto che Campbell

di Gary Ward che ora si trova ad essere lo "striker" della squadra.

Il calendario della Juventus per le prossime due settimane la vede opposta al Newcastle ed al Green Gully, avversarie non eccelse, anche se c'e' da aspettarsi un miglioramento da parte di quest'ultima adesso che al suo timone e' tornato Bobby McLachlan. Fra tre settimane la "inter conference challenge round" potrebbe anche darle un'avversaria non insormontabile.

Le prossime settimane per cio' dovrebbero vedere il ritorno di fiamma della Juventus e la squadra potrebbe nuovamente acquistare una fisionomia (altri infortuni permettendolo) che le permetterebbe di consolidare la sua attuale posizione fra le prime cinque in classifica per prendere parte al torneo finale al termine della stagione.

Ormai c'e' da sperare che tutte le sfortune della Juventus siano passate e che Margaritis possa ricostruire la squadra senza altri patemi d'animo.

Per quanto riguarda il Fawknar (l'altra squadra italiana vittima di un arbitraggio inusuale la settimana scorsa), le sue prospettive di vincere il campionato di Lega Statale e guadagnarsi l'ammissione alla Lega Nazionale sono ancora intatte.

Naturalmente pero' i ragazzini di Jukes Road debbono ancora fare i conti con il Polonia (con il quale condivide la prima poltrona), con i cugini azzurri del Morwell e con il Box Hill.

Purtroppo per il Fawknar la partita di domenica scorsa non e' risultata soltanto nella perdita di un punto a causa dell'arbitraggio, ma anche di Peter Boyle che ha riportato la frattura di una gamba in uno scontro con Innes. La sua assenza per un lungo periodo potrebbe compromettere le fortune del Fawknar.

Passando ad un argomento piu' allegro, il Fawknar terra' il suo ballo annuale di gala sabato 28 luglio prossimo alla San Remo Ballroom; durante la serata verra' eletta "Miss Fawknar Azzurri 1984" e ci sara' un floor show con Molly Meldrum, recentemente diventato socio del club.

Il comitato sociale del Fawknar ha veramente voluto fare le cose in grande stile per questa occasione ed assicura i tifosi che sara' una serata indimenticabile. Il prezzo dei biglietti e' di \$27 a persona e le prenotazioni possono essere fatte telefonando a Carlo Graffeo (537.1956 di giorno) oppure alla signorina Josie Minala (359.3231 di sera).



Peter Boyle, il forte centrocampista del Fawknar, ha riportato la frattura di una gamba nella partita contro il Polonia la settimana scorsa.



Billy Rogers, uno dei giocatori piu' validi della Juventus di Melbourne, potrebbe tornare a giocare a centrocampo con l'arrivo di Brian Brown dalla Scozia.



Il terzino Gary Hobson e' stato espulso per un fallo inesistente dall'arbitro Frangou.

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Sweeney che per alcune brevi settimane aveva fatto sperare di essere il risolutore di cui la Juventus aveva tanto bisogno, rimarra' inattivo per molto piu' di quanto si pensava poiche' i medici dell'ospedale in cui e' ricoverato hanno deciso che e' necessario operarlo ai reni. Puo' anche darsi che l'assenza prolungata di Sweeney possa favorire un miglioramento di rendimento

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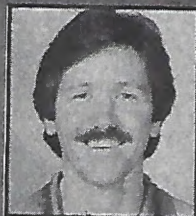
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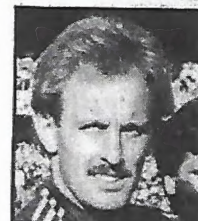
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Melita*

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Sydney Croatia*



*Alex Robertson
Sydney City*

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West Adelaide 1 win



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Green Gully*



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Heidelberg*

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2 draws

**Juventus
v Newcastle**
Olympic Park No 1
Previous NSL result
Juventus 1 win

